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ALBION, INDIANA

2005

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include visitation hours.*

Janivee Sawyer

SOUTH MILFORD — Janivee Sawyer, 80, of South Milford died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sawyer

Mrs. Sawyer was a homemaker and member of Church of the True God near South Milford.

She was born June 14, 1924, at Yellow Mountain Fork, Ky., to Floyd and Lydia (Conley) Wallen. On May 26, 1944, in Paintsville, Ky., she married Sam Sawyer. The couple recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Surviving are her husband of South Milford; a stepson, Marvin Prince of Houston, Texas; a woman she raised as a daughter and her husband, Mary Lou and Johnie Justice of Ashland, Ky.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Cordus and Lorraine Wallen of Kendallville and Corgie and Ursel Wallen of LaGrange; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Hadney and Sam Clevenger of Ligonier, Analeen and Edward Perkins of Kendallville and Yvonne Jones of Kimmell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Church of the True God north of South Milford with the Rev. Willie Collins and David Bolen officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Wayne Thompson

AVILLA — Wayne E. Thompson of Avilla died at 10:25 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at his rural Avilla home.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Gwendolyn Stone

FORT WAYNE — Gwendolyn Stone, 86, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at Towne House Health Center in Fort Wayne.

A native of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Stone was a registered nurse. She had been employed at Lutheran Hospital for 30 years and retired in 1982.

Mrs. Stone loved her family, books and birds.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Frederick J. and Sue Stone of Fort Wayne and Thomas C. Stone of Spencerville; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Ted Kruger of Wolcottville; a brother, Joseph McCalister of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Stone, in 1996.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph United Methodist Church, 6004 Reed Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Pocock

FREMONT — Robert Clifton Pocock, 93, of Fremont died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Pocock was born June 24, 1911, in Orland, to Andrew and Fannie (Lehman) Pocock. He was married to Eleanor J. Twichell on Aug. 10, 1935, and she died on Dec. 11, 2003.

He lived in South Bend for 50 years before returning to Steuben County in 1990. He retired as chief chemical engineer at Bendix Corp. in South Bend in 1971 after working there for 30 years. He held three patents, one of which was for the ceramic brakes used on airplanes.

He graduated from Orland High School in 1929, and from Tri-State University in 1931 with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. He was a lifetime member of the Elks and the Bendix Salaried Retirees Club.

He was a 50-year member of the St. Joseph Lodge No. 45 F. & A.M., South Bend, and of the Murat Temple. He was a 32nd degree Mason. He was also a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, and was involved in the founding of the NRA Whittington Center.

Surviving are two caregivers, Cheryl Gleason of Fremont (his niece) and Laurel Pocock of Angola (his nephew); and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Russell and Harold Pocock; and three sisters, Bertha Pierce, Wava Fair and Edna McKenzie.

No services or calling are planned.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the Orland Community Fire Department Building Fund.

THE NEWS SUN

September 7 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with new information about services.*

Mark Stamback

AVILLA — Mark Allen Stamback, 61, of Avilla died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Stamback

Mr. Stamback was a senior draftsman with Dana Corp. for 30 years.

He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and played golf at Noble Hawk and Liberty Country Club. He was a referee for girls volleyball and boys and girls basketball,

He was born Aug. 23, 1943, in Richmond, Ind.,

Surviving are his wife of 29 1/2 years, Cathy of Avilla; his parents, John and Dorothy Stamback of New Paris, Ohio; his father- and mother-in-law, Marvin and Alta Lewis of Economy; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Katrina Stamback of Appledorn, The Netherlands; two daughters and a son-in-law, Beth and Josh Sembach of Connersville and Jama Stamback of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carol and Joe Hobbs of Lenox, Mich., and Jane Rantanen of New Paris; two grandchildren, Allysa Stamback and Ryan Sembach; and aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by an aunt, Ondea Faye Myers, and his grandparents, Calvin and Ruth Myers and Ora S. and Lola Rae Stamback.

Carroll Ickes

ANGOLA — Carroll Ickes, 98, of Angola died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at Hickory Creek in Kendallville.

Mr. Ickes

Mr. Ickes was born March 6, 1906, in Steuben County, to Adam and Della (Thompson) Ickes. He was married to Ileth Ickes, who preceded him in death in 1983, and Pauline Ickes, who died in 1995.

He was an auto mechanic.

Surviving are a stepson, Ramon Leffel of Kendallville; four stepgrandchildren, 11 step-great-grandchildren, and three step-great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Esther Waite.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Waskons Funeral Home at Cambridge City. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery at Hagerstown.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Waskons Funeral Home.

Additional calling will be today from 5 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Roselyn Finan

FORT WAYNE — Roselyn M. Finan, 84, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A native of Ossian, she sold Avon products for 43 years. She was a member of the Presidents Club and the Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Judith A. Sneary of Deerfield Beach, Fla., and Carolyn S. Doehrman of Telluride, Colo.; two sons, Thomas E. Finan Jr. of The Villages, Fla., and James M. Finan of Spencerville; 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Avinell Galley of Fort Wayne.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Thomas E. Finan; and a brother, William Lipp.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, with Vigil service at 4:30 p.m., in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association and the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Thomas Johnson

KENDALLVILLE — Former Kendallville businessman Thomas M. Johnson, 89, of Kendallville died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Johnson worked in the grocery business for more than three decades. He first built the Northside Market located on North Main Street in Kendallville in 1940. In 1954, he built South Side Grocery on South Main Street, and in 1960 he built the IGA Grocery at the corner of Dowling Street and Park Avenue.

He served as Rotary Club president from 1965 to 1966 and was a former member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge and the Elks Lodge.

Mr. Johnson was an avid golfer

He became a member of Faith United Methodist Church in 1928.

Mr. Johnson was born Nov. 3, 1914, in Booneville to John M. and Margaret (Bennie) Johnson. He was a 1933 graduate of Kendallville High School.

On May 25, 1939, in Auburn, he married Margaret V. Claxton. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jenny and Richard Smith of Fort Wayne and Jody and Richard Nasca of Avilla; a son, John Johnson of Kendallville; three granddaughters, Shayne Sipe and her husband, Andy, of Harlan, Crystal Johnson of Kendallville and Brittney Schmandt of Avilla; and two great-granddaughters, Alexis Sipe of Harlan and Jayde Sipe of Harlan.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Johnson, and two sisters, Mildred Shippy and Lula Mae Johnson.

Services were held Thursday, August 26, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to the Lake View Cemetery revitalization fund or to Faith United Methodist Church.

Joe Polly

WOLCOTTVILLE — Joe "Buster" Polly, 70, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following an extended illness.

Mr. Polly had retired in 1995 from Newnam Foundry after 19 years of service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Polly had attended Shiloh Baptist Church at Ligonier.

He was born March 4, 1934, in Knott County, Ky., to Clark Sr. and Nanie (Amburgey) Polly. On June 24, 1961, in Brighton he married Eva Noble. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ricky and Mona Polly of Lawrenceburg, Roger and Judy Polly of Middlebury and Roedonald and Shellie Polly of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Rita and Rick Shafer of Howe, Rebecca Polly of Fort Wayne and Renita and Rich Bucholtz of Jones, Mich.; four brothers, Clark Polly Jr. of Three Rivers, Mich., James Polly of Wawaka, Larry Polly of Rome City, and Dean Polly of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville; six sisters, Rinda Calhoun of Howe, Abbie Potee of Constantine, Mich., Dallas Skaggs of Rome City, Helen Kessler of Avon Park, Fla., Patty Schoff of Elkhart, and Betty Conley of Angola; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Services were Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Jim Shepherd officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Icie Loden

KENDALLVILLE — Icie Carrie Loden, 91, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Loden was born May 25, 1913, in Grandview, Tenn., to Robert Carol Reed and Mary Ann (Sherrill) Reed.

She married Jim Loden in Happy Top, Tenn., and he preceded her in death.

She worked in meat processing, laundry services, and was a homemaker. She moved to Kendallville 3 1/2 years ago from Grandview to be closer to her daughter and granddaughters.

A devoted Christian all her life, she was a member of Happy Top Church. She loved her flowers, gardening and all of the children.

Surviving are a daughter, Estella Monroe of Avilla; five grandchildren, Danny Waldo, Marsha Harshman, Marilyn Diehm, Deborah Oliver and Linda Cornelius; 12 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by one daughter, Lucille Godsey; six brothers, Jesse, Vernon, Clyde, Lester, Elmer and Clifford Reed; and two sisters, Bertha Mathis and Dovie Reed.

Services are pending at Vaughn Funeral Home in Tennessee. No local services are planned.

Burial will be in Reed Cemetery No. 3 in Tennessee.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home, East Wing.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, is handling local arrangements.

THE NEW ERA

September 1 2004 Albion, Indiana

Ilene Gordon

CHURUBUSCO — Ilene M. Gordon, 86, of Churubusco died at 1:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 30, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness. She had been a resident there for more than four years.

Mrs. Gordon had been employed at Supermarket Services for 20 years, retiring from there in 1976.

She was a graduate of Churubusco High School and had lived in Akron and Avilla before moving to the Churubusco area in 1960. She was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church, Columbia City American Legion Auxiliary, Columbia City VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the Columbia City Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Gordon was born Feb. 10, 1918, near Collins to Thomas and Maude (Bennett) Gaff. Her first husband, Claude O. Fear, died in 1946. Ten years later, she married Ray Gordon. He died in 1970.

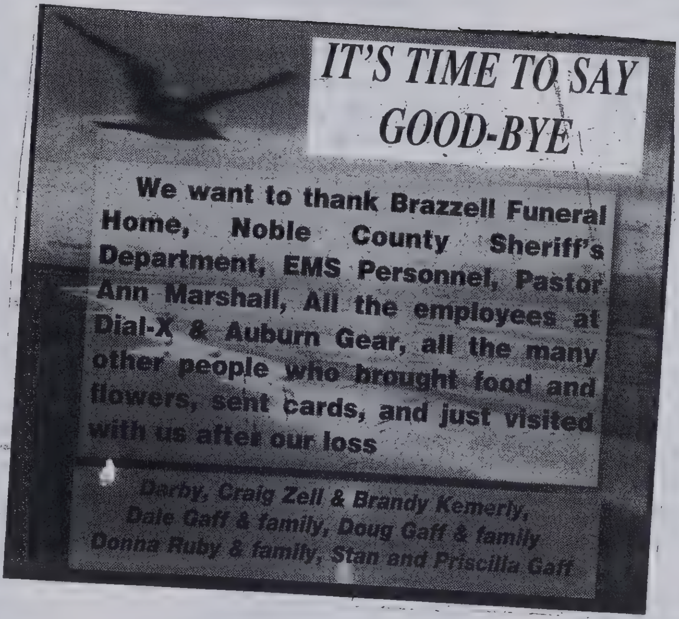
Surviving are a daughter, Sandy Thomas of Indianapolis; two sons and a daughter-in-law, James Lee Fear of Blairsville, Pa., and Dennis A. and Linda Gordon of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Sharon Fear of Wolf Lake; five brothers and two sisters-in-law, Thurlo "Frog" Gaff of LaOtto, Roger "Rod" Gaff of Nappanee, John "Kirby" and Arlene Gaff of Columbia City, Ray and Kitty Gaff of Muncie and Leonard "Jake" Gaff of Huntertown; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Gray and Shirley Stamp, both of Churubusco, and Barbara and Ray Leitch of Danville, Iowa; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs and Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.



IT'S TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE

We want to thank Brazzell Funeral Home, Noble County Sheriff's Department, EMS Personnel, Pastor Ann Marshall, All the employees at Dial-X & Auburn Gear, all the many other people who brought food and flowers, sent cards, and just visited with us after our loss

Darby, Craig Zell & Brandy Kemerly,
Dale Gaff & family, Doug Gaff & family
Donna Ruby & family, Stan and Priscilla Gaff

THE NEWS SUN

September 2 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Wayne Thompson Sr.

AVILLA — Wayne E. Thompson Sr., 85, of Avilla died at 10:25 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at his Jefferson Township home. He had been in failing health for two weeks.

Mr. Thompson was a lifetime farmer. He had also worked as a fireman for the Nickel Plate Railroad and was a sales representative for Moorman Feed Co. He had owned the Dairy Queen in Waterloo for several years. He moved to Avilla from Churubusco in 1966.

Mr. Thompson was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping and gardening.

He was born April 18, 1919, in Roanoke to Paul J. and Minnie Ethel (Sexton) Thompson. On Nov. 6, 1938, he married Ada Marie Poinesett. She died Aug. 16, 1996. He then married Cathy (Cole) Merriman on Feb. 13, 2004. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Dwayne Hass of Albion, Arlene and Dale Freeman of Huntertown and Gail and Jim Rodenbeck of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne Jr. and Becky Thompson of Albion and Chuck and Donna Thompson of Avilla; 19 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery with military graveside rites by Avilla American Legion Post 240. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are to Parview Hospice.

Jessie Wolford

FREMONT — Jessie Genorah Wolford, 87, of Fremont died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Wolford was born to Etta and Richard Newcomb in St. Louis. She worked as a supervisor at Carter Carburetor Corp. during World War II. She represented Waddell and Reed as a financial advisor, and opened the Gold Nugget Dress Shop in Rome City after she moved to the area in 1966.

She retired from AFLAC after serving as an Indiana district manager. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, and attended Clear Lake Baptist Church after moving to Fremont. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and had been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 25 years.

She was an avid golfer with two holes-in-one separated by 30 years.

Surviving are five children, Rosemarie Meisner of Farmers Branch, Texas, Mildred Campbell of Battle Creek, Mich., Marlene Crouch of Sebring, Fla., Marilyn Clevenger of Fremont and Victor Meisner of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Hugo Meisner, Herb Williams and Robert Wolford; and a grandson, Perry L. Meyer.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Memorials are to Calvary Baptist Church, 7810 St. Joe Center Road, Fort Wayne IN 46835; or Clear Lake Baptist Church, P.O. Box 278, Fremont, IN 46737.

Ronald Kistler

AVILLA — Ronald P. Kistler, 77, of Avilla died at 9:46 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kistler had been a teller at Community State Bank in Avilla and retired from there in 1991 after many years of service.

A lifetime Avilla resident, he was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. Mr. Kistler was a United States Marines veteran. He enjoyed woodworking, doing yard work, fishing and watching sporting events.

He was born Dec. 17, 1926, in Swan Township, Noble County, to Dale and Lottie (Fitch) Kistler. His father died in 1979 and his mother in 1971. On Feb. 12, 1956, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, he married Sabina Busch. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Ronda and Andrew Glowaty of Naperville, Ill., and Denise Kistler of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, Gordon and Julia Kistler of Fort Wayne; a sister, Dorothy Anderson of Avilla; and three grandchildren, Lindley, Danae and Jared Kistler.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn Gay.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in rural Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church Organ Fund.

THE NEWS SUN

September 2 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Elaine Chapman

FORT WAYNE — Elaine G. Chapman, 82, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chapman was born in Fort Wayne. She and her husband started Chapman Landscaping, which her son, Jerry, now operates. She was a volunteer at Lutheran Hospital and Dupont Hospital.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and David Boudia of Jimmerson Lake; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Susan Chapman of Grabill; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy, in 2000.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery. Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46866.

Charles Mance

HUNTERTOWN — Clarence T. Mance, 90, of rural Huntertown died at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004, at his rural Huntertown home. He had been in declining health since suffering a fall at his home in April.

Mr. Mance was the past district governor of Lions International.

Among his survivors is his wife, Naomi (Hatch) Mance.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

ADVANCED LEADER

September 2 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

Janivee Sawyer

SOUTH MILFORD — Janivee Sawyer, 80, of South Milford died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sawyer

Mrs. Sawyer was a homemaker and member of Church of the True God near South Milford.

She was born June 14, 1924, at Yellow Mountain Fork, Ky., to Floyd and Lydia (Conley) Wallen. On May 26, 1944, in Paintsville, Ky., she married Sam Sawyer. The couple recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Surviving are her husband of South Milford; a stepson, Marvin Prince of Houston, Texas; a woman she raised as a daughter and her husband, Mary Lou and Johnie Justice of Ashland, Ky.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Cordus and Lorraine Wallen of Kendallville and Corgie and Ursel Wallen of LaGrange; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Hadney and Sam Clevenger of Ligonier, Analeen and Edward Perkins of Kendallville and Yvonne Jones of Kimmell.

Services were held this morning at Church of the True God north of South Milford with the Rev. Willie Collins and David Bolen officiating. Burial was in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

William Crago

BUTLER — William A. "Bill" Crago, 37, of Butler died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, in Roxbury, N.J.

Mr. Crago was a truck driver for 16 years. He most recently worked for Evans Trucking in Butler. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion in Orland and the Butler Eagles. He was an avid Harley-Davidson motorcycle rider.

He was born Aug. 29, 1966, in Fort Wayne to Carey and Katheryn (Cook) Crago. They survive in St. Joe.

He married Sharon Williams Dec. 12, 1998, in Auburn. She also survives.

Also surviving are a grandmother, Mildred Cook of Woodburn; three daughters, Erica, Saness and Courtney; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Carey and Jenny Crago of Butler and Tom and Montana Crago of Waterloo; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Deanna Martin of Wawaka, Cathie and David Heckert of Bluffton, Mari and Thomas Scott of LaOtto, and Dawn and Jeff Spencer of Butler; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Paul Patton officiated. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 3458 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46815.

Joe Polly

WOLCOTTVILLE — Joe "Buster" Polly, 70, of Wolcottville died at 6:21 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following an extended illness.

Mr. Polly had retired in 1995 from Newnam Foundry after 19 years of service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Polly had attended Shiloh Baptist Church at Ligonier.

He was born March 4, 1934, in Knott County, Ky., to Clark Sr. and Nanie (Amburgey) Polly. On June 24, 1961, in Brighton he married Eva Noble. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ricky and Mona Polly of Lawrenceburg, Roger and Judy Polly of Middlebury and Roedonald and Shellie Polly of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Rita and Rick Shafer of Howe, Rebecca Polly of Fort Wayne and Renita and Rich Bucholtz of Jones, Mich.; four brothers, Clark Polly Jr. of Three Rivers, Mich., James Polly of Wawaka, Larry Polly of Rome City, and Dean Polly of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville; six sisters, Rinda Calhoun of Howe, Abbie Potee of Constantine, Mich., Dallas Skaggs of Rome City, Helen Kessler of Avon Park, Fla., Patty Schoff of Elkhart, and Betty Conley of Angola; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Services were Saturday at Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Jim Shepherd officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Elizabeth Orlosky

AUSTIN, Texas — Elizabeth Alma Brown Orlosky, 84, formerly of Angola died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at her home in Austin. She had been in failing health for several months.

Mrs. Orlosky

Mrs. Orlosky was a well-known educator and popular speaker in Steuben County and the tri-state area. She resided in Angola most of her life.

Mrs. Orlosky was born April 13, 1920, on Round Lake Farm in southwestern Steuben County to Vesta Pearl (Lautzenhiser) and Harold Fenimore Brown. She married John D. Orlosky in September 1948, and they divorced in May 1979.

She was salutatorian of the Angola High School class of 1938. She graduated cum laude from DePauw University in 1942, earning her bachelor's degree in speech with a minor in English. At DePauw, Mrs. Orlosky was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority; Duzer Du, the campus dramatic fraternity; and Delta Sigma Rho, the national honorary debating society.

Mrs. Orlosky completed her master's degree in speech at Ball State University, and she pursued graduate study at Indiana University.

For six years, she taught English at Indiana high schools in Walkerton (1942-43), Fairmount (1943-44) and Rochester (1944-48). From 1948-56, Mrs. Orlosky owned and operated the Beth Orlosky Program Bureau, gaining considerable recognition as a professional lecturer and interpretive reader.

In 1956, Mrs. Orlosky joined the Tri-State University faculty, teaching English and speech. She founded and directed the Tri-State Forensic Society, whose members won 11 certificates and six trophies during their six years of intercollegiate debate and individual events competition.

She served as faculty co-advisor to the student-operated Tri-State radio station WEAX 88.3 FM since its beginning on Jan. 15, 1978, until her retirement, and she helped establish Tri-State's first women's social sorority, Omega Kappa, serving as its first advisor.

Mrs. Orlosky is the author of the Tri-State centennial history, "From Carriage to Computer: The First One Hundred Years of Tri-State University," published in 1984.

She was the first recipient of the Charles C. Barrenbrugge Annual Award for Faculty Excellence. She was chosen by her fellow faculty members for excellence in teaching and for service to the students of Tri-State University and received the award at Tri-State's centennial commencement ceremony May 19, 1984.

Upon her retirement from the university in 1986, she was granted the title professor emerita. When she moved to a new house in Angola in 1991, Tri-State purchased her property at 213 S. Kinney St., her home of 50 years. On May 3, 2002, it was dedicated as the university's Trine Guest Cottage.

Mrs. Orlosky wrote a history of the Angola United Methodist Church, of which she was a long-standing and active member. She contributed poetry to various books and publications, including the professional journal "College English" and the National Poetry Association's annual anthologies. Mrs. Orlosky edited and contributed to "Crawdad Tales from Dismal Creek," a book of poetry by Kenneth A. Wagner.

Mrs. Orlosky belonged to the Speech Communication Association; American Forensic Association; Central States and Indiana speech associations; International Platform Association; National Council of Teachers of English; American Business Writing Association; College Conference on Composition and Communication; Indiana College English Association; Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha, the national honorary forensic society; and Delta Kappa Gamma, the professional honorary sorority of women educators.

She was a founding member and first president of the Steuben County Council on Aging; a president of the Angola Business and Professional Women; member of the Board of Trustees of the Angola Carnegie Public Library, Angola Community Theater, Pokagon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Angola Book Review Club, Psi Iota Xi, Angola Women's Club and a troop leader of Angola Brownies, Girl Scouts, Blue Birds, and Camp Fire Girls.

She was listed in the 1974 edition of the "Directory of American Scholars" and the 1975-76 "Who's Who of American Women."

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary A. and Leslie MacDowall of Lafayette and Patricia A. Orlosky and P. Jerome Kilpatrick of Austin; and a stepgrandson, Mark D. Kilpatrick of Austin.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Zelda Ruth Brown Murphy Brown.

Memorial services for the immediate family were held in Austin. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the E. B. Orlosky Scholarship Fund, Tri-State University, 1 University Avenue, Angola, IN 46703.

THE NEWS SUN

September 4 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

William Tennant

HUDSON — William M. "Bill" Tennant, 66, of Hudson died Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004, at his home.

Born in Clay City, Mr. Tennant was a mechanical designer with Dana Corp. for 32 years, retiring in 1996. He was an Air National Guard veteran.

Mr. Tennant was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, American Legion Post 499 and the National Rifle Association. He formerly lived in Auburn for 30 years and was an avid golfer and fisherman.

He is survived by his wife, Rita of Hudson; three daughters, Amy Moore and her husband, Keith, of Weston, Fla., Vicki G. Tennant and her partner, Kim Cramer, of Indianapolis and Lori Hilkey of Fort Wayne; two brothers, James Tennant of Fort Wayne and Robert Tennant of Columbia City; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A celebration service will take place Monday at 2 p.m. in the Moose Lodge, 408 S. Main St., Auburn. Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Hospice or the Humane Society.

Arrangements are by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

David McGraw

LAOTTO — David A. McGraw, 68, of LaOtto died Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at 7:50 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. McGraw was a deputy sheriff in Ventura County, Calif., for 7 1/2 years and had lived in LaOtto for the past 15 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Garrett post of the American Legion and Garrett Eagles.

He was born Jan. 20, 1936, in Detroit to Lowell and Anna (Hill) McGraw.

Surviving are two sons, Casey McGraw of Paso Robles, Calif., and Shannon McGraw of Atascadero, Calif.; a daughter, Shawna Donahue of Paso Robles, Calif.; his life partner, Nancy Traxler of LaOtto; a sister, Joyce Hill of Howe; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

His parents and a great-granddaughter preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Lake View Cemetery of Kendallville. Former state Sen. Richard Worman will officiate.

Calling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Roy Erwin

BUCKEYE, Ariz. — Roy Arthur Erwin, 82, of Buckeye, Ariz., died Aug. 20, 2004, in Phoenix.

He was born Sept. 27, 1921, in Butler to Charles and Virgie Erwin.

After serving in the Army Air Force during World War II in the Burma and South Pacific areas, he moved to Auburn.

He married Glennabelle Patee in June 1947. In 1953, they moved to Arizona, where he worked at Goodyear Aerospace Co.

In 1968, they moved to Rainbow Valley, where they owned and operated the Hobby Hacienda and Radio Shack stores in Buckeye, Ariz., until retirement.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Sandra Erwin of Buckeye, Ariz.; one son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Shigami Erwin of Chandler, Ariz.; five grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; one sister, Dorothy Ludden of Sun City, Ariz.; and one brother, Edward Erwin of Auburn.

Graveside services were conducted Aug. 24 at Louis B. Hazelton Cemetery of Buckeye.

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Services Held

SOUTH MILFORD — Funeral services for **Janivee Sawyer** were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Church of the True God north of South Milford with the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. David Bolen officiating. Burial was in Brushy Chapel Cemetery. Pallbearers were Darrin Perkins, Tony Perkins, Carl Combs, Earl Handshoe, Bill Kumfer and Dalton Moore. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Kristy Campbell** were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastors Jim Kane and Tom Clothier officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kelly Lash, Jerry Lash, Jim Ebert, Chris Smith, Dave Lange and Mike Riehm. Honorary pallbearers were Earl Shirar, Louise Shirar, Ken Workman, Brenda Rummel, Kathy Miller, Cindy Lohse, Melva Eddy and Tony Jedsen.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Phyllis Carter** were held at 11 a.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Stan Kessler officiating. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Roger McEwen** were held at 1 p.m. Aug. 28 at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Clothier officiating.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Funeral services for **Joe "Buster" Polly** were held at 11 a.m. Aug. 28 at Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Jim Shepherd officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dan Calhoun, Larry Polly, Doug Stewart, Jamie Polly, Rod Masters, Ron Masters, Greg Masters and Mark Webster. Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **William Young** were held at 10 a.m. Aug. 27 at Hite Funeral Home with chaplain Paul Marki officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

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Robert Smith

CORUNNA — Robert "Bob" N. Smith, 81, died of cancer at his home with his family at his side on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004.

Mr. Smith

In Blackford County, on April 7, 1923, he was born to Orlando V. and Eleanor S. (Neal) Smith. His wife of 59 years, Ilene (Bercot) Smith, survives.

He was owner and operator of Bob Smith's Wrecker Service for 35 years, and then worked for CMW Transport in Kendallville for 10 years.

Mr. Smith was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and served in Germany with the 99th Infantry. He was a charter member of the Indiana Towing and Wrecker Association, the Interstate Towing Association, the 99th Infantry Association and a member of the Auburn Nazarene Church.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son and daughter in law, Jack V. and Carol Smith; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol L. and Ken Kleeberg, and Paula J. and Don Smith; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard V. and Wanda Smith; a sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Garrett Lloyd; five grandchildren, Kory and K.P. Kleeberg, Kendra Warstler and Kasandra and Austin Smith; and three great-granddaughters.

His parents and two sons, William R. Smith and Donald N. Smith, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Auburn Nazarene Church, 2301 N. Main St., Auburn, with calling from noon to time of services at the church.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Loran Moeller

SHIPSHEWANA — Loran H. Moeller, 81, of rural Shipshewana, died at 1:50 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, in Life Care Center, LaGrange.

In Wheaton, Minn., on Sept. 16, 1922, he was born to Horace and Alice (Jackson) Moeller. He married Elaine A. Lunsford on Jan. 20, 1944, in Casper, Wy. She survives.

He moved to LaGrange County in 1950 and was a sales agent for Investors Diversified Services in South Bend.

Mr. Moeller was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps pilot and a member of Scott United Methodist Church.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter and son-in-law, Dennis and Carol Weirich, Shipshewana; two sons and daughters-in-law, Martin A. and Beth Moeller, Shipshewana, and Stanley and Tammy Moeller, York, Ma.; a brother, Alan E. Moeller, Piedmont, S.D.; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Scott United Methodist Church with the Rev. Nancy Richmond officiating. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery.

Calling will be from 9 a.m. to time of services at the church.

Memorials are to Scott United Methodist Church.

Max Markle

SPENCERVILLE — Max LeRoy Markle, 82, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born on March 10, 1922, in Spencerville, he was the son of Benjamin Franklin and Rally E. (Oberholzer) Markle. He married Dorothy Marcene Stewart on Dec. 21, 1945, in the Garrett Church of Christ. She survives.

He retired in March 1984 after 19 years as an assembler at Fruehauf.

Mr. Markle was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ, American Legion Post 202 in Butler and the Spencerville Community Church. He enjoyed gardening, his dog, Buddy, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son, Jerry Markle of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Bert Hollman of Spencerville; seven grandchildren and four of their spouses; Kimberly and Jennifer Hollman, both of Spencerville, Don Hollman, Fort Wayne, Dan and Robin Hollman, South Carolina, Andy and Monica Hollman, St. Joe, Carmen and Will Fliehman, Auburn, and Denice and John Rudolph, Boonville, Ind.; a sister, Dorothy Smith, Auburn; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday with calling one hour prior to services at St. Joe Church of Christ in St. Joe with Pastor Larry Watson officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery, Spencerville.

Calling will also be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to: the St. Joe Church of Christ Building Fund, P.O. Box 285, St. Joe IN 46785.

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Generosity marked grocer's career

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — Thomas "Tommy" Johnson was probably the city's best-known grocer.

He never owned a "supermarket," preferring to operate neighborhood groceries and make every customer feel like a friend.

Mr. Johnson, 89, died Aug. 23 at Parkview Noble Hospital following a brief illness.

"Tommy was such a fine grocer and friend," Jane Abbs wrote in a condolence to the family. "His meat counters were the finest ever."

Abbs also recalled a little-known aspect of the neighborhood South Side Market. She told Tommy's wife, Margaret, how much she and her husband, Bill, appreciated the credit he extended to them when they were a new family in Kendallville.

During "those first few years of getting established," she wrote, the Abbs family "lived paycheck to paycheck" and the credit was vital.

Mrs. Johnson acknowledged her husband's generosity to his customers through the years. When he sold South Side Market in 1975 to Dick and Larry Blue, "there was a lot of credit that was just wiped off the books," she said.

Mr. Johnson's business was not only a family business in which his children worked, but one in which many young people learned responsibility and a good work ethic, his wife noted. At the time of her husband's death, more than a few mourners gave credit to Mr. Johnson for their personal successes, she said.

The Blue brothers have since sold their market — Big Blue — to Johnson's only son, John. Daughter Jody Nasca is the front store manager and the market is once again called South Side.

Mr. Johnson was known for his quick wit, which could put a smile on anyone's face, and an imaginative sense of humor.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Tommy Johnson was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps in California in 1934, when this photo was taken.

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Tommy Johnson, center, with his father, John, at left, and brother Fred, who was a Kendallville tailor and dry cleaner, in front of the North Side Market in 1957.

"He'd always have a joke or a comeback to a remark," Mrs. Johnson said.

The quick wit was noted by the Rev. Jim Toole, pastor of Faith United Methodist Church, where Mr. Johnson had been a member since 1928.

"I visited him on Saturday, two days before his death," Toole recalled. "As I left, I told him we (church members) loved him, and without a hesitation he responded, 'Well, I love me, too,'" Toole said.

Retired Kendallville optometrist Dr. Robert Roush considered Mr. Johnson one of his best friends, and time they spent in Rotary Club and on the golf course are his most cherished memories.

Roush also recalled midnight telephone calls on New Year's Eve. He said he had the opportunity to spend time with the Johnsons on a recent trip back to Kendallville. "I only regret that I haven't lived close to keep up our friendly talks," he wrote to Mrs. Johnson.

Also a golf buddy and fellow Rotarian is John Hutchins. He played golf with Johnson and the late Max Barnhart and the late Cal Owens. "Tommy carried me," he recalled to Mrs. Johnson, "and we always had a good time together.

"As officers in Rotary," he continued, "we met at the grocery in the mornings to do business; Tommy would have his Coke, and me coffee. He was a good friend and a super guy, in my book.

"He also had a great wife," he added.

The Johnsons had celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in May. They married after Tommy came back to Indiana from California, where he had built fire breaks in the Civilian Conservation Corps. His age and the birth of their first daughter in 1940 gave him a military deferment.

Mrs. Johnson pointed out that her husband was not a regular church-goer, but that he did go on occasion. His attendance, she said, was because of anger Tommy felt over the death of their 12-year-old daughter, Linda, from polio in 1952.

"I don't think he totally ever lost his anger," Mrs. Johnson said, "but I think that was probably OK with God.

"He was kind and helpful to so many people, and I don't think a person who wasn't all right with God could or would be that way. I think he was like we would like all people to be."

Donald Croy

ANGOLA — Donald J. Croy, 79, of Angola died Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at his residence.

Mr. Croy

On Sept. 30, 1925, in LaOtto, he was born to Charles and Marie (Kirchner) Croy. On March 8, 1947, he married Corrine Brown. His mother and wife survive.

Mr. Croy was a well driller and animal control operator. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, and a member of American Legion Post 31 in Angola and V.F.W. George Anspaugh Post in Angola.

Surviving, in addition to his mother and wife, are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Sharon Croy, Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Dona Hull, Angola, and Debra and Ed Bickel, Temple, Texas; two brothers, Irvin Croy, Avilla, and Lawrence Croy, Lake Dora, Fla.; six grandchildren, Donnie and Mandy Croy, Jeff Bickel, Angie O'Bannon, Cory Hull and Carla Stanley; and eight great-grandchildren.

His father, Charles Croy, three brothers, Glen, Otto and Bob Croy, and a sister, Lillian Surfus, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

April Thurston

HUDSON — April M. Thurston, 57, died Friday, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Thurston

On Nov. 6, 1946, in Kokomo, she was born to Herbert E. and Phyllis (Siegriest) Wendling. Her mother survives in Delphi, Ind. She married Carl Michael "Mike" Thurston in Kokomo on Nov. 9, 1968. He survives.

She had lived in Hudson for two years having moved from Tipton.

Mrs. Thurston was a homemaker and member of Baptist Church in Tipton.

Surviving, in addition to her mother and husband, are a daughter, Tammy Burger, Tipton; four sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Stacie Thurston, Auburn, Patrick and Angie Thurston, Kendallville, Brian J. Thurston, Muncie, and Chris Thurston, Hudson; a sister, Kathy O'Rourke, Alaska; three brothers, Michael and Tim Wendling, Walton, Ind., and Kelly Wendling, Swayzee, Ind.; and 13 grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with Pastor Wade Sturdivant of the First Baptist Church, LaGrange, officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Joseph Hilty

LAGRANGE — Joseph K. Hilty, 77, of LaGrange died at 2:53 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hilly was a retired farmer and carpenter. He had also owned a harness shop. He lived in LaGrange County since 1999, moving there from Adams County.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Aug. 28, 1927, in Geneva to John and Kathryn (Coblentz) Hilty. On Oct. 20, 1955, in New Haven, he married Elizabeth Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Ruth Ann and Ervin Hilty of Monroe, Rose Marie and Amos Graber of Bryant, Ohio, Sarah Irene and Albert Coblentz of Geneva, Edna Mae and Lester Wickey of Homer, Mich., Amanda Kathryn and James Shetler of LaGrange and Sylvia Kay Hilty of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, James Edward and Amy Hilty of LaGrange; seven sisters and brothers-in-law, Rebecca and Menno Eicher of Centreville, Mich., Savilla and Andy Shetler, Kathryn and Ernie Schwartz and Maggie and Raymond Schwartz, all of Monroe, Sylvia and Felty Shetler of Berne, Mary and Sam Schwartz of Seymour, and Susie and Willie Schwartz of Quaker City, Ohio; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Elmer and Saloma Hilty, Henry and Katie Edna Hilty and John and Sarah Hilty, all of Geneva, and Jake and Lydian Hilty of Berne; 56 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother; two sisters; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the James Hilty residence at 160 S. C.R. 4225E, LaGrange with Bishop Danny Otto and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be today at the family home at 1425 S. C.R. 400E, LaGrange.

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Max Markle

SPENCERVILLE — Max LeRoy Markle, 82, of Spencerville died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Markle retired in March 1984 after 19 years as an assembler at Fruehauf.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ, American Legion Post 202 in Butler and the Spencerville Community Club. He enjoyed gardening, his dog, Buddy, his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren.

Born March 10, 1922, in Spencerville, he was the son of the late Benjamin Franklin Markle and Rally E. (Obertholzer) Markle.

He married Dorothy Marcene Stewart on Dec. 21, 1945, in the Garrett Church of Christ. She survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are a son, Jerry Markle of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Bert Hollman of Spencerville; seven grandchildren and their spouses; Kimberly and Jennifer Hollman, both of Spencerville, Don Hollman of Fort Wayne, Dax and Robin Hollman of South Carolina, Andy and Monica Hollman of St. Joe, Carmen and Will Fliehman of Auburn and Denice and John Rudolph of Boonville; a sister, Dorothy Smith of Auburn; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Max Markle Jr., on Jan. 4, 1967; a sister, Gaylon Markle, and a brother, Henry Markle.

Services were at 11 a.m. today in the St. Joe Church of Christ with Pastor Larry Watson officiating. Burial was in White City Cemetery at Spencerville. American Legion Post 202 of Butler conducted military graveside services

Calling was Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville.

Memorials are to the St. Joe Church of Christ Building Fund, P.O. Box 285, St. Joe IN 46785.

Marie Michael

ALBION — Marie M. Michael, 80, of Albion died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at her home in Albion.

Mrs. Michael

Mrs. Michael moved to the Albion area in 1969 from Marion, Ill., and was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Albion Eagles Ladies Auxiliary and the Royal Neighbors of America.

Mrs. Michael enjoyed yard work, floral arranging and painting.

She was born Jan. 21, 1924, in Herrin, Ill., to James and Effie (Cates) South. On May 20, 1956, in Mississippi, she married Leon D. Michael. He died in February 1992.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Tammie and Duane Didion of Fort Wayne, Doris and Jim Holderfield of Marion, Ill., Carla and Giles Ley of Avilla, and Glenda Norris of Marion, Ill.; a son, Doug Moses of Aniston, Ala.; 11 grandchildren, Mary Kay Moses, Gabby Keller, Melissa Moses, Rayeanne Miner, Michael Norris, Christa Lingie, Lyndsay Didion, Courtney Didion, Kaleigh Didion, AJ Ley and Cathi Lanzante; three great-grandchildren; and extended family members, Wanda Blevins and Tina Smith, both of Avilla.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Marion, Ill.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to C.A.R.E.

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Surviving, in addition to his mother and wife, are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Sharon Croy, Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Dona Hull, Angola, and Debra and Ed Bickel, Temple, Texas; two brothers, Irvin Croy, Avilla, and Lawrence Croy, Lake Dora, Fla.; six grandchildren, Donnie and Mandy Croy, Jeff Bickel, Angie O'Bannon, Cory Hull and Carla Stanley; and eight great-grandchildren.

His father, Charles Croy, three brothers, Glen, Otto and Bob Croy, and a sister, Lillian Surfus, preceded him in death.

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Calling was from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Alice Kline

WATERLOO — Alice R. (Stewart) Kline, 57, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at the home of her son in Waterloo.

A native of Fort Wayne, she had been operations clerk at Brothers Express Inc. for 10 years. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael J. Tilbury of Auburn, James W. and Nicola Tilbury of Waterloo and Craig E. and Jenny Tilbury of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline S. and Bunk Ladig of Wolf Lake; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Judith and Dave Vaughn of Gaines, Mich., Eva Suelzer of Fort Wayne and Norma and George Robb of Fort Wayne; a brother, William "Bill" Kline of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Julian and Jacqueline Kline; a niece, Lucy Vaughn, and a brother-in-law, Thomas Suelzer.

A prayer service will be Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven, followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church, 15535 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven. Burial will be in St. Louis Catholic Cemetery at New Haven.

Calling will be today from 3 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home, where an evening rosary service will begin at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (www.racefans-foracure.com).

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Chaney Fourman

LIGONIER — Chaney Scott "Chip" Fourman, 45, of Ligonier died at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at his residence, Shadow Hill Farm in rural Ligonier.

Mr. Fourman had moved to his farm in 1982 from Kimmell.

He was a truck driver for several years for Brothers Express based in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fourman was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan, an animal lover, and enjoyed NASCAR and other motor sports.

He was born June 16, 1959, in Troy, Ohio.

Surviving are his mother, Betty "Minnich" Parker of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kay and Steven Kaufman of Fort Wayne and Deb and Mark Burkhardt of Bronson, Mich; four nieces, Shannon Kaufman, Michelle Burkhardt, Stephanie Melvin and Jennifer Boesch; and four nephews, Steven Kaufman II, Kip Burkhardt, Loran Melvin and Matt Boesch.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Donavon Coley officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, Open Arms Ministry or the Allen County Cancer Society.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with new information.*

Alice Kline

WATERLOO — Alice R. (Stewart) Kline, 57, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at the home of her son in Waterloo.

Ms. Kline

A native of Fort Wayne, she had been operations clerk at Brothers Express Inc. for 10 years. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael J. Tilbury of Auburn, James W. and Nicola Tilbury of Waterloo and Craig E. and Jenny Tilbury of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline S. and Bunk Ladig of Wolf Lake; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Judith and Dave Vaughn of Gaines, Mich., Eva Suelzer of Fort Wayne and Norma and George Robb of Fort Wayne; a brother, William "Bill" Kline of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Julian and Jacqueline Kline; a niece, Lucy Vaughn, and a brother-in-law, Thomas Suelzer.

A prayer service took place this morning at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Louis Catholic Church-Besanson in New Haven. Burial was in St. Louis Catholic Cemetery at New Haven.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (www.racefansforacure.com).

Velma Brouwer

AUBURN — Velma Catherine Brouwer, 96, of Auburn died Monday, Sept. 6, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

She was the widow of Joseph Charles Brouwer. She also was preceded in death by her only child, Roseline Jane Brouwer Clifford; a brother, Herbert Rolf; and a sister, Ruth Rolf.

She was born in Detroit on Jan. 3, 1908, to Pauline Griner Rolf and Frederick Rolf and was raised in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two brothers, Wayne Rolf of Fort Wayne and Ramon Rolf of Midland, Mich.; five grandchildren, Catherine Clifford Johnson of Little Rock, Ark., Charles Joseph Clifford of Los Angeles, W. Gene Clifford of Auburn, Bradley Allen Clifford of Waterloo and Brian Scott Clifford of Auburn, and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 9 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with the Rev. Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery at New Haven.

Calling will be tonight from 5 to 7 at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Church of Auburn or the American Cancer Society.

Leota Slone

AUBURN — Leota A. Slone, 62, of Auburn died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Slone

Born in Battle Creek, Mich., she was a cheese cutter with County Line Cheese for nine years and a cancer survivor for 20 years. She was a loving mother and grandmother and a good Christian woman.

Surviving are her husband, Miles, of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda (Roberts) and Robert Nolan of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Adam Walberry, Nicholas Walberry, Brian Walberry and Kevin Nolan, all of Fort Wayne; an uncle, Arnold Lower of Auburn; and three great-grandchildren, Allison Walberry, Melody Jackson and Briana Walberry.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the family.

Alice Grim

WARREN — Alice L. Grim, 75, of Warren died at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, 2004, at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Mrs. Grim worked in the kitchen at the United Methodist Home for 25 years.

She lived in Huntington until 1999 when she moved to the Cromwell area.

Mrs. Grim enjoyed spending time with her family and her pets.

She was born April 15, 1929, in Columbia City to Ray and Ruth (Underwood) Shelmadine.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Marty Grim of Cromwell; five brothers, Max, Ray, Ronnie, Dick and Jimmy Shelmadine; two sisters, Willie Saner and Connie Miller; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Faye Saner, Fern Keiser and Joann Gibson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. David Martin officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation or the West Noble Day Care.

Evelyn Ehinger

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn C. Ehinger, 94, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, at her home.

She was a retired sales clerk for Sears and a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. She was a native of Domestic.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael J. and Becky Ehinger of Stedman, N.C., and Carl R. and Carol Ehinger of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne and Ned Lee of Fort Wayne and Judy and Jack Diagostino of Fort Wayne; a brother, Glenn Neukom of Garrett; 14 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Jerome J., in 1996; two brothers and five sisters.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. with calling one hour before at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St. A rosary service will begin at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to Masses, the St. Peter's Building Fund and Parkview Hospice.

Anita Hochstetler

SHIPSHEWANA — Anita Marie Hochstetler, 3, of Shipshewana died at 8:20 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient a week and a half. Her death was due to complications from a seizure.

She was born March 3, 2001, at the New Eden Care Center in Topeka to Jerry A. and Eva (Miller) Hochstetler of Shipshewana. They survive.

Also surviving are a sister, Amy Diane Hochstetler at home; her grandparents, Albert J. and Lydia Ann Hochstetler of Sugar Creek, Ohio, and Freeman O. and Linda Sue Miller of Shipshewana; and her great-grandmothers, Wilma Wingard of Shipshewana and Elma Miller of Topeka.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Freeman O. Miller residence, 3745 N. C.R. 1000W, Shipshewana, with Bishop Sam Lambright and home ministers of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the Freeman Miller residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEW ERA

September 8 2004 Albion, Indiana

Alice Kline

WATERLOO – Alice R. (Stewart) Kline, 57, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at the home of her son in Waterloo.

A native of Fort Wayne, she had been operations clerk at Brothers Express Inc. for 10 years. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael J. Tilbury of Auburn, James W. and Nicola Tilbury of Waterloo and Craig E. and Jenny Tilbury of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline S. and Bunk Ladig of Wolf Lake; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Judith and Dave Vaughn of Gaines, Mich., Eva Suelzer of Fort Wayne and Norma and George Robb of Fort Wayne; a brother, William "Bill" Kline of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Julian and Jacqueline Kline; a niece, Lucy Vaughn, and a brother-in-law, Thomas Suelzer.

A prayer service was held Wednesday, September 8, 2004, E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church in New Haven. Burial was in St. Louis Catholic Cemetery at New Haven.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (www.racefansforacure.com).

DONALD CROY

ANGOLA- Donald J. Croy, 79, of Angola died Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at his residence.

On Sept. 30, 1925, in LaOtto, he was born to Charles and Marie (Kirchner) Croy. On March 8, 1947, he married Corrine Brown. His mother and wife survive.

Mr. Croy was a well driller and animal control operator. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 31 in Angola and V.F.W. George Anspaugh Post in Angola.

Surviving, in addition to his mother and wife, are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Sharon Croy, Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Dona Hull, Angola, and Debra and Ed Bickel, Temple, Texas; two brothers, Irvin Croy, Avilla, and Lawrence Croy, Lake Dora, Fla.; six-grandchildren, Donnie and Mandy Croy, Jeff Bickel, Angie O'Bannon, Cory Hull and Carla Stanley; and eight great-grandchildren.

His father, Charles Croy, three brothers, Glen, Otto and Bob Croy, and a sister, Lillian Surfus, preceded him in death.

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating. Burial was in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Wayne E. Thompson, Sr.

AVILLA — Wayne E. Thompson Sr., 85, of Avilla died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at his Jefferson Township home. He had been in failing health for two weeks.

Mr. Thompson was a lifetime farmer. He had also worked as a fireman for the Nickel Plate Railroad and was a sales representative for Moorman Feed Co. He had owned the Dairy Queen in Waterloo for several years. He moved to Avilla from Churubusco in 1966.

Mr. Thompson was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping and gardening.

He was born April 18, 1919, in Roanoke to Paul J. and Minnie Ethel (Sexton) Thompson. On Nov. 6, 1938, he married Ada Marie Poinesett. She died Aug. 16, 1996. He then married Cathy (Cole) Merriman on Feb. 13, 2004. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Dwayne Hass of Albion, Arlene and Dale Freeman of Huntertown and Gail and Jim Rodenbeck of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne Jr. and Becky Thompson of Albion and Chuck and Donna Thompson of Avilla; 19 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, September 4, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Ken Weaver officiating. Burial was in Hooper-King Cemetery with military graveside rites by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parview Hospice.

CHANEY SCOTT FOURMAN

LIGONIER- Chaney Scott "Chip" Fourman, 45, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at his residence, "Shadow Hill Farm" in rural Ligonier.

Mr. Fourman was a truck driver for Brothers Express out of Ft. Wayne for several years. He was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan along with NASCAR and all other motor sports and was an animal lover.

He had moved to his farm "Shadow Hill" in 1982 from Kimmell, Indiana.

Mr. Fourman was born June 16, 1959, to Betty "Minnich" Parker who still survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are 2 sisters and brothers-in-law, Kay and Steven Kaufman of Fort Wayne and Deb and Mark Burkhardt of Bronson, Michigan; several nieces and nephews, Shannon Kaufman, Michelle Burkhardt, Stephanie Melvin, Jennifer Boesch, Steven Kaufman II, Kip Burkhardt, Loran Melvin, and Matt Boesch.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Rev. Donavon Coley officiating. Burial will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkview Hospice, Open Arms Ministry, and Allen Co. Cancer Society.

THE NEW ERA

September 8 2004 Albion, Indiana

Ronald Kistler

AVILLA — Ronald P. Kistler, 77, of Avilla died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kistler had been a teller at Community State Bank in Avilla and retired from there in 1991 after many years of service.

A lifetime Avilla resident, he was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. Mr. Kistler was a United States Marines veteran. He enjoyed woodworking, doing yard work, fishing and watching sporting events.

He was born Dec. 17, 1926, in Swan Township, Noble County, to Dale and Lottie (Fitch) Kistler. His father died in 1979 and his mother in 1971. On Feb. 12, 1956, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, he married Sabina Busch. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Ronda and Andrew Glowaty of Naperville, Ill., and Denise Kistler of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, Gordon and Julia Kistler of Fort Wayne; a sister, Dorothy Anderson of Avilla; and three grandchildren, Lindley, Danae and Jared Kistler.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn Gay.

Services were held Saturday, September 4, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating.

Burial was in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in rural Avilla.

For those who wish, memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church Organ Fund.

MARIE M. MICHAEL

ALBION- Marie M. Michael 80, of Albion died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2004 at her residence in Albion.

Mrs. Michael had lived in the Albion area since 1969, coming from Marion, IL. Mrs Michael had been a lifetime homemaker. She was a member of the albion Eagles Ladies Auxiliary and the Royal Neighbors of America. She enjoyed yard work, floral arranging and painting.

Mrs. Michael was born January 21, 1924 to James South and Effie (Cates) South in Herrin, IL. On May 20, 1956 she married Leon D. Michael. He died in February of 1992.

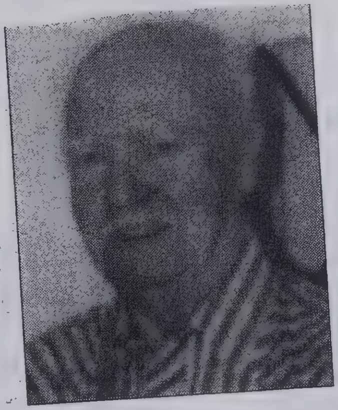
Surviving are 4 daughters , Tammie (Duane) Didion of Fort Wayne, Doris (Jim) Holderfield of Marion, IL, Carla (Giles) Ley of Avilla, and Glenda Norris of Marion, IL. One son, Doug Moses of Aniston, AL. 11 grandchildren, Mary Kasy Moses, Gabby Keller, Melissa Moses, Rayeanne Miner, Michael Norris, Christa Lingie, Lyndsay, Courtney Kaleigh Didion, AJ Ley and Cathi Lanzante. 11 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. Extended family Wanda Blevins and Tina Smith, both of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m., Thursday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel with Rev. Nancy Ferguson officiating. Burial will be at Odd Fellows Cemetery, in Marion, IL.

Calling will be Wednesday 5 to 8 p.m. and 1 hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to C.A.R.E.



Patrick Crooks

Patrick Herbert Crooks, of Churubusco, IN, died Monday, September 6, 2004 in Provena Sacred Heart Home of Avilla.

He was born January 9, 1912 in DeKalb County, to Ora Crooks and Dora Leahy Crooks.

He married Verna Irene Hodges Crooks on June 6, 1935. She preceded him in death in 1984.

He worked for the U. S. Post Office as a rural route mail carrier. He was a member of the Moose, the Elks, and Eagles of Columbia City. He had owned "Pat's Café", and he enjoyed fishing, gambling, coin collecting and cooking.

He is survived by one daughter & son-in-law - Barbara & George Kirkpatrick of Albion; two sons & daughters-in-law - David & Cynthia Crooks, Roger & Rhonda Crooks both of Churubusco. Two sisters - Margaret Sockrider of Avilla and Leona Davidson of Auburn. Eighteen grandchildren. Several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Several nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one daughter - Barbara Ann Crooks; one son - Patrick Lynn Crooks; and one sister - Dorothy Till.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 10, 2004 in St. John Bosco Church in Churubusco, with Fr. Danney Pinto serving as celebrant. Burial will follow in Ege Cemetery.

Calling hours are 3:00 until 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 9, 2004 in Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco, with an Elks Memorial Service at 7:00 P.M. and a rosary at 7:15 P.M.

Memorial contributions can be made to Sacred Heart Home of Avilla or CASA of Noble County.

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Josephine Smith

COLUMBIA CITY — Josephine J. Smith, 79, of Morristown and formerly of Columbia City died at 7:58 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004.

Mrs. Smith

She had lived in the Columbia City and Big Lake areas until moving to the Indianapolis area in 1996 to be near her children.

She had been employed at Fisher Brothers Oil, W.T. Grant and Scott's Foods.

Mrs. Smith was a member of Wolf Lake Baptist Church and a 1942 graduate of Columbia City High School. She enjoyed sports and her grandchildren's activities.

She was born Sept. 8, 1924, in Columbia City to James W. and Esther M. (Weick) Wallace. On Aug. 30, 1947, in Lebanon, Ind., she married Roland Merritt Smith. He died Nov. 3, 1978.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ryan M. and Sherry Smith of Larwill; three daughters and sons-in-law, Linnette "Linn" and Chuck Golden of Greenfield, Leeandra and Dennis Sewell of Topeka and Lorriann and Brad Benson of Fishers; and eight grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and two sisters, Dorothy Weick and Irlene Baker.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Dan Carlson of Wolf Lake Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at South Park (Annex) Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoneygrimes.com.

David Davis

FREMONT — David W. Davis, 54, of Fremont, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, in Fremont.

Mr. Davis was born in Wendell, Idaho, on Nov. 28, 1949, to Wayne and Beverly (Bruner) Davis. He was married to Vera Louise (Hathaway) Davis, who survives.

He was employed by Hendrickson International in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his father, Wayne Bruner of Rupert, Idaho; three daughters, Holly and Katie Davis, both of Fremont, and Sarah Davis of Niles, Mich.; and a sister, Penny Thomas of Rupert.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

William Fry

FORT WAYNE — William R. "Big Bill" Fry, 58, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at home.

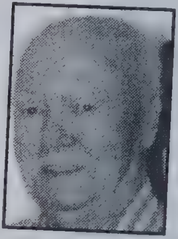
Mr. Fry was born in Fort Wayne and was a lifetime resident. He was a cook, and Air Force veteran and a member of the Fort Wayne Community Fishing Club.

Surviving is a brother, Richard Fry of Fremont.

Arrangements were by Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Patrick Crooks

CHURUBUSCO — Patrick Herbert Crooks, 92, of Churubusco died Monday, Sept. 6, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.



Mr. Crooks

He had worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier and had owned "Pat's Cafe."

Mr. Crooks was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, the Elks Lodge, and the Eagles Lodge in Columbia City. He enjoyed fishing, gambling, coin collecting and cooking.

He was born Jan. 9, 1912, in DeKalb County to Ora and Dora (Leahy) Crooks. He married Verna Irene Hodges on June 6, 1935. She preceded him in death in 1984.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and George Kirkpatrick of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Cynthia Crooks of Churubusco and Roger and Rhonda Crooks of Churubusco; two sisters, Margaret Sockrider of Avilla and Leona Davidson of Auburn; 18 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Barbara Ann Crooks; a son, Patrick Lynn Crooks; and a sister, Dorothy Till.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John Bosco Church in Churubusco with Father Danny Pinto serving as celebrant. Burial will be in Ege Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco, with an Elks memorial service at 7 p.m. and a rosary at 7:15 p.m.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla or CASA of Noble County.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

September 9 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

Alice Grim

WARREN — Alice L. Grim, 75, of Warren died at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, 2004, at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Mrs. Grim worked in the kitchen at the United Methodist Home for 25 years.

She lived in Huntington until 1999 when she moved to the Cromwell area.

Mrs. Grim enjoyed spending time with her family and her pets.

She was born April 15, 1929, in Columbia City to Ray and Ruth (Underwood) Shelmadine.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Marty Grim of Cromwell; five brothers, Max, Ray, Ronnie, Dick and Jimmy Shelmadine; two sisters, Willie Saner and Connie Miller; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Faye Saner, Fern Keiser and Joann Gibson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. David Martin officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, today, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation or the West Noble Day Care.

Alice Kline

WATERLOO — Alice R. (Stewart) Kline, 57, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at the home of her son in Waterloo.

A native of Fort Wayne, she had been operations clerk at Brothers Express Inc.for 10 years, She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael J. Tilbury of Auburn,James W. and Nicola Tilbury of Waterloo and Craig E. and Jenny Tilbury of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline S. and Bunk Ladig of Wolf Lake; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Judith and Dave Vaughn of Gaines, Mich.,Eva Suelzer of Fort Wayne and Norma and George Robb of Fort Wayne; a brother, William "Bill" Kline of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, 10step-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Julian and Jacqueline Kline; a niece, Lucy Vaughn, and a brother-in-law, Thomas Suelzer.

A prayer service took place earlier this week at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Louis Catholic Church-Besanson in New Haven. Burial was in St. Louis Catholic Cemetery at New Haven.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

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Fatal crash involves Corunna truck driver

MIDDLEBURY — A Pennsylvania driver died in a crash involving his van and a gravel truck driven by a Corunna man, according to Elkhart County Police.

Dale Essig of Allentown, Pa., was killed when a loaded gravel truck hit his van at about 2:30 p.m.Thursday at S.R. 13 and C.R. 4 north of here.

Essig, 53, was driving west on C.R. 4 and a gravel truck driven by Thomas Stahl, 39, of Corunna, was heading north on S.R. 13, according to Elkhart County Patrolman Marcus Wolfram and Sgt. Mark Diamond.

According to the initial investigation, Wolfram and Diamond reported Essig's van was crossing the state highway with a green traffic light. The truck did not stop for a red light and hit the van broadside on the driver's side, the officers said.

The gravel truck went off the west side of the road and tipped over onto its left side when the left wheels dropped down an embankment. Stahl was taken to Elkhart General Hospital for treatment. He appeared to have suffered only scrapes and bruises, said Wolfram.

A large portion of the truck's load was dumped on the ground when it tipped over. Both drivers were alone in their vehicles, according to Wolfram.

David Davis

FREMONT — David W. Davis, 54, of Fremont died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, in Fremont.

Mr. Davis was born in Wendell, Idaho, on Nov. 28, 1949, to Wayne and Beverly (Bruner) Davis. He was married to Vera Louise (Hathaway) Davis on Jan. 21, 1983, in Coldwater, Mich. She survives.

He was employed by Hendrickson International in Kendallville. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, and served in the Vietnam War.

Also surviving are his father, Wayne Bruner of Rupert, Idaho; three daughters, Holly and Katie Davis, both of Fremont, and Sarah Davis of Niles, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Penny and Steve Thomas of Rupert; and two nephews, Shon and Trenton Thomas of Rupert.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Services will be 10 a.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Kenneth Binkley officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with military committal services conducted by members of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257.

Memorials are to Mr. Davis' daughters.

Glenn Mantle

CORUNNA — Glenn E. Mantle, 71, of rural Corunna died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at 9:15 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Mantle was a resident of the Corunna area for 46 years. He worked as a milk hauler for Wayne Co-Op in Fort Wayne for 18 years. He retired in 1973 and returned to farming. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the Garrett United Methodist Church.

He was born Oct. 3, 1932, in Whitley County to Solomon and Blanche D. (Worwick) Mantle.

He married Emma Lou Vance on Nov. 3, 1956, in Payne, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and David Treesh of Corunna; a grandson, Daryl Treesh; two brothers, Harley Mantle of Albion and Roger Mantle of Salt Lake City, Utah; and a sister, Wilda Ernst.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert Mantle; and two sisters, Evelyn Bernardin and Lola Briggs.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Chaplain Paul Marki will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or lupus charities.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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William Sherwood

INDIANAPOLIS — William H. Sherwood, 80, of Indianapolis died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at 9:50 a.m. in Community Hospital South in Greenwood.

Mr. Sherwood had lived in Indianapolis for three years. He worked as a die setter at Mossberg-Hubbard in Garrett for 25 years, retiring in 1988.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, earning three Bronze Service Stars. He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and a lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn before moving to Indianapolis. He recently had been a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Indianapolis.

He was born Oct. 6, 1923, in Vincennes to William P. and Philomena (Brazzler) Sherwood.

He married Ruby M. Berry on April 17, 1947, in Cape Girardeau, Mo. She survives in Indianapolis.

Also surviving are a daughter, Nyla Kelley of Indianapolis; a son, William L. Sherwood of Indianapolis; three grandchildren; and a half brother, Franklin Connor of Bloomingdale, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a half brother, Oliver E. Connor.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn. The Rev. Lloyd A. Bickel will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett with graveside military services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn and St. John Lutheran Church in Indianapolis.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Henry Huesman Jr.

SPENCERVILLE — Henry A. Huesman Jr., 56, of Spencerville died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at his home.

A native of Spencerville, he was a diesel mechanic with Cummins Mid States Power and a U.S. Marines veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Praise Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia of Spencerville; a son and daughter-in-law, Wesley and Angela Huesman of Holland, Mich.; a sister, Mary Anne Huesman of Shelbyville; and seven brothers, Raymond of Vermont, Thomas, Joseph, Peter, Michael and Richard, all of Shelbyville, and Victor of Murfeesboro, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry A., Huesman Sr.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Praise Lutheran Church, 1115 W. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery with military graveside services.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

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Randall Williams

COLUMBIA CITY — Randall J. "Randy" Williams, 58, of Columbia City died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Williams was the owner and president of Economy Machine Products Inc. in Roanoke. He had worked in the family business for 50 years and became owner in 1981.

Mr. Williams was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Huntington. He was a 1964 graduate of Columbia City High School, where he was valedictorian of his class. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Indiana Institute of Technology in 1968. He was a member of the American Legion Post 160 of Roanoke and was a senior member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He was a member of the Pontiac Oakland Club International and served in the Indiana National Guard from 1968 to 1974.

Mr. Williams was an avid collector and restorer as well as a respected authority on the early 1960s Super Duty Pontiacs.

Mr. Williams and his wife, Jean, were Roanoke Citizens of the Year in 2000.

He was born Aug. 11, 1946, in Fort Wayne to James J. and Betty Z. (Hollenbaugh) Williams. They survive in Roanoke.

He married Carol Jean Smart on Sept. 26, 1970, in Huntington, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerod and Karen Williams of Huntington; a daughter and son-in-law, Julie A. and Kenneth Hartmus of Roanoke; a sister, Tamara Williams of Garrett; three granddaughters, Jessica Hartmus, Darcy Williams and Sloane Williams; a nephew, Brett Williams of Hudson; and a niece, Stephanie Williams of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 903 N. Jefferson, Huntington, with the Rev. Gary Sigler officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery of Huntington.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-8 p.m. and Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington. A rosary service will take place Sunday at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the National Brain Tumor Foundation, in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750.

To sign Mr. Williams' online guest registry, visit www.myersfuneralhomes.com and click on obituaries.

Dale Essig

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Dale W. Essig, 53, of Allentown died at 2:35 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, as the result of a traffic accident north of Middlebury, Ind.

He had worked the past six years at Compucom in Allentown as an asset manager.

He had lived his entire life in the Allentown area. He was an Army veteran serving in Vietnam from 1971-72.

On Sept. 3, 1994, in Middlebury, he married Fawn M. Zickafoose. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Brian Essig of Catasqua, Pa.; his mother, Lucille Kleppinger Essig of Allentown; and two sisters, Karen Stanko of Womelsdorf, Pa., and Dawn Miller of Albrightsville, Pa..

Preceding him in death was his father, William J. Essig.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at the River of Life Fellowship Church in Middlebury, and at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bachman-Kulick & Reinsmith Funeral Home in Allentown. Burial will be at Grandview Cemetery in Allentown.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the River of Life Fellowship Church in Middlebury and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Allentown funeral home.

Memorials are to the Deer Lake H.O.G. for the MDA.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **April M. Thurston** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with Pastor Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial was in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

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Fanny Swartz

MIDDLEBURY — Fanny Swartz, 81, of Middlebury died at 2:10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at her home. She had been in declining health.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Swartz was born July 16, 1923, in Au Gres, Mich., to John and Fanny (Troyer) Jantzi.

On Sept. 1, 1946, she married Arthur Litwiller. He died May 1, 1958. She then married John Swartz Aug. 28, 1965. He preceded her in death on March 31, 1992.

She had moved to Middlebury 5 1/2 years ago. She was a member of the First Mennonite Church in Middlebury where she was a strong encourager and supporter and an avid quilter.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Betty Beiler of Sarasota, Fla., Nancy and Dean Kauffman of Middlebury, and Twila and Paul Seland of Harrisonburg, Va.; six sons and their wives, Lavern and Marcella Swartz of Lake Oddessa, Mich., Carl and Nancy Litwiller of Lancaster, Pa., Glen and Naomi Litwiller of Grants Pass, Ore., Arnold and DeAnna Swartz of Pinconning, Mich., Clifford and Carol Litwiller of Scottville, Mich., and Larry and Nelda Litwiller of Hesston, Kan.; a daughter-in-law, Sherrill Swartz of Fairview, Mich.; a sister and her husband, Matilda and Wallace Kipfer of Corinth, N.Y.; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Elmer Jantzi of Irwin, Ohio, John and Naomi Jantzi of Pigeon, Mich., and Jerry Jantzi of Phoenix, Ariz.; 31 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; a son, Marlin Swartz; six brothers; and three sisters.

Services are pending the notification of a grandson in Bosnia, with calling at the First Mennonite Church in Middlebury and services in Michigan. Burial will be at Sims Cemetery in Au Gres.

Memorials are to the Mennonite Central Committee-Bosnia Project.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Alta Crager

HINDMAN, Ky. — Alta Mae Crager, 78, of Hindman died Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004, at Kindred Hospital in Louisville.

She was born in Knott County, Ky., on July 29, 1926, to Alton and Nancy "Sis" (Cornett) Everage.

Surviving are one son, Danny Messer of Hindman; two daughters, Patricia Ann Zaganas of Mousie, Ky., and Donna Sue Messer of Hindman; three sisters, Ann Ragland of Tennessee, Elizabeth Knox of Indiana and Louise Downing of North Carolina; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Jim Crager; and a son, Charles Michael Crager.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel with Clay Hanes and others officiating. Burial will be at the Nickles Cemetery at Hindman.

Hindman Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

Doyle Shoup

ANGOLA — Doyle E. Shoup, 84, of Angola died Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at Northern Lakes Healthcare & Rehabiliation in Angola.

He was retired from Dana Corp., where he had worked 18 years. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran and past post commander of Angola VFW post 7205 and a member of the American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne.

A native of Hillsdale, Mich., he is survived by a nephew, Blaine Shoup of Angola; two daughters, Marsha Lower of Rocky Mount, N.C., and Susan Baumgartner of Angola; a stepson, Daniel Giles of Fort Wayne; and several great-nieces and nephews and cousins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday with calling two hours prior to the service at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to the League for the Blind & Disabled.

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Teacher inspired students, colleagues

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — The comedy "The Curious Savage" was Kristy Campbell's favorite play.

The drama department at Prairie Heights High School, where Mrs. Campbell taught during her entire 30-year teaching career, will present the play in her honor later this fall.

Mrs. Campbell died Aug. 26 following an 18-month battle with cancer.

Active in theater as a high school student, Mrs. Campbell continued her involvement in college and as a teacher, and she loved to attend theater productions whenever possible.

"She loved theater," said Sheila McCrea, a former student and now theater director at Prairie Heights. "For her it was her passion, and it was so genuine and pure."

McCrea said she was a student in 1992 when Mrs. Campbell directed "The Curious Savage" in the then-new school auditorium.

"It was the first straight play that had been produced at the school in a long time," she recalled.

As a result of the play, McCrea said, she found a direction for her own life.

"I found a love for (theater) and went on to Ball State. In 1999 I had the opportunity to work under Kristy as technical director, and later as assistant director," McCrea said.

"She was a mentor to me in a lot of ways. She taught me a lot about doing theater at the high school level, caring for kids, and always keeping the kids in mind," she added.

The play is one that Mrs. Campbell planned to produce in her last year of teaching, but her illness prevented that from happening, McCrea said.

"I had her blessing to do it in her honor" before her passing last month, McCrea said.

McCrea noted that Mrs. Campbell had the support of her husband, Jerry, in theater.

"It was Kris' love and it became his, too," she said. "He knew it was a great way to spend time with his wife, and he would help build sets and sell tickets."

Thanks to their example, McCrea said, many family members are involved in the theater.

"It is not just students, it is a family endeavor," she said.

Prairie Heights superintendent Paul Thomas attested to the impact Mrs. Campbell had on a particular student — his stepdaughter, Evelyn White.

"Evelyn started in theater her freshman year, when I was principal at the middle school, but we then moved to Knox where Evelyn finished her education. My daughter learned of a trip to England that Kristy was offering, and Kristy was gracious enough to allow Evelyn to go along," he said.

"Because of her experience with Kristy, she went on to college and majored in drama and theater tech, graduating last year," Thomas said. "We all have a very warm spot in our hearts for her."

Fellow teacher Cindy Loohse also found Mrs. Campbell to be her mentor at Prairie Heights, but for a different reason.

"She had a wonderful way of giving advice, making it seem like it was your idea all along," she said. "Her contribution to English and speech was endless."

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Kristy Campbell was captured in this photo by a friend as she handed out roses outside her classroom at Prairie Heights High School.

Mrs. Campbell also was popular with students, who nominated her for the 2003 Dekko Foundation Teacher of the Year award.

"She was always concerned with the welfare of others, even when she was ill," Loohse added. "She was very interested in how she could help her family and friends deal with her cancer, to make it easier for them."

Shari Schippers' literature class was across the hall from Mrs. Campbell's.

"I look across the hall every day and think, 'Wow! Thanks for sharing your life with us,'" she said.

Schippers said she taught Mrs. Campbell's daughter, Nicol, at East Noble High School 15 years ago. She recalled at their first meeting that Mrs. Campbell didn't treat her as her daughter's teacher, but instead "sought to know me as a person and as a teacher."

She said Mrs. Campbell "set an example as a teacher for all of us here. She inspired us by loving us where we were at any particular time. She would embrace me even if I were ranting and raving."

Fanny Swartz

MIDDLEBURY — Fanny Swartz, 81, of Middlebury, died at 2:10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Swartz was a homemaker, a quilter and a member of First Mennonite Church in Middlebury, where she served as a strong supporter of the church.

Mrs. Swartz

She was born July 16, 1923, in Au Gres, Mich., the daughter of John and Fanny (Troyer) Jantzi. She married Arthur Litwiller on Sept. 1, 1946, in Au Gres. He preceded her in death on May 1, 1958. She then married John Swartz on Aug. 28, 1965, in Au Gres. He preceded her in death on March 31, 1992.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Betty Beiler of Sarasota, Fla., Nancy and Dean Kauffman of Middlebury and Twila and Paul Seland of Harrisonburg, Va.; six sons and seven daughters-in-law, Lavern and Marcella Swartz of Lake Oddessa, Mich., Carl and Nancy Litwiller of Lancaster, Pa., Glen and Naomi Litwiller of Grants Pass, Ore., Arnold and DeAnna Swartz of Pinconning, Mich., Clifford and Carol Litwiller of Scottville, Mich., Larry and Nelda Litwiller of Hesston, Kan., and Sherrill Swartz of Fairview, Mich.; 31 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Matilda and Wallace Kipfer of Corinth, N.Y.; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Elmer and Miriam Jantzi of Irwin, Ohio, John and Naomi Jantzi of Pigeon, Mich., and Jerry Jantz of Phoenix.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Marlin Swartz, six brothers and three sisters.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Riverside Mennonite Church in Au Gres. The Rev. Lyle Swartz will officiate. Burial will be in Sims Cemetery in Au Gres.

Calling will be 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury, followed by a brief memorial celebration at 8 p.m. The Rev. Linford Martin will officiate. Additional calling will be 6 to 9 p.m. Michigan time on Friday at CL Forshee & Sons Funeral Home in Au Gres and one hour prior to services at the church in Au Gres.

Memorials are to Mennonite Central Committee — Bosnia Project, 21 S. 12th St., P.O. Box 500, Akron PA 17501-9989.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Taylor

ANGOLA — Margaret E. Taylor, 61, of Angola, died at 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Taylor was born on June 30, 1943, in Auburn, to Richard and Anna (Morr) Holsinger. She married Patrick V. Taylor on Sept. 12, 1965. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Ramona Taylor of Angola; two sons, Dennis Taylor and Mike Taylor, both of Angola; two sisters, Connie Fisher of Angola and Charleen Smeltzer of LaGrange; a brother, Sam Holsinger of Mackinaw City, Mich.; and a grandson, Morgan Taylor of Rochester, Minn.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard Holsinger Jr. and Dean Holsinger.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Pastor Phil Thompson will officiate.

Calling will be 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

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Mr. Beer was well-loved family man

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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FREMONT — They were married for 32 years, but when they first started dating, Diana Lee didn't know quite how she felt about Steven Beer.

"To be honest, he was a ... well, a rebound," she remembered, laughing. "I wasn't sure how crazy I was about him."

Pretty crazy, as it turned out. The pair — he was a high school senior and she was a junior — ended up together for decades.

"He was just very attentive, romantic and thoughtful," Diana said. "And my parents were crazy about him."

The couple built a life and home together. They were the parents of two daughters, both of whom are now in college.

Mr. Beer

The memories of that life are what keep Diana going as she deals with the loss of her friend and partner, who died unexpectedly in his sleep of a heart attack on Aug. 21.

Steven D. Beet was 53 years old when he died at home. He graduated from Angola High School in 1969, and had worked for 21 years at RR Donnelly (formerly Moore Business Forms), and was active in many local civic groups, including the Fremont Moose Lodge and the former Fremont Men's Club.

People remember him fondly, and he was well-loved. Scores of people turned out to pay their respects at Mr. Beer's funeral.

"He had a lot of friends, and they were absolutely wonderful," Diana said. "They told us things like how much he always talked about us at work, and how proud he was of his girls."

Mr. Beer was the oldest of four brothers. His brother Greg, six years his junior, remembered his brother as "nice and easy-going.

"He tried to help people with whatever he could whenever he could," Greg said.

Greg said his brother was someone who enjoyed having a good time.

"He liked to party. He was a lot of fun," he said.

The shock of his brother's sudden death, Greg said, is something he just can't quite get over yet.

"He was young," Greg said. "He was healthy. He liked to work."

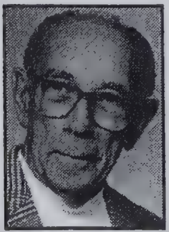
Diana said if there is one thing people remember about her husband, she would like it to be that he was a dedicated family man.

"He loved us so much," she said, a smile in her voice. "He always put us first."

Elmer Wooldridge

CHURUBUSCO — Elmer D. Wooldridge, 84, of rural Churubusco, died at 10:26 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at home. Although he had been in declining health for the past two years, his death was unexpected.

For the past several years, Mr. Wooldridge had worked for the Indiana Auto Auction in Fort Wayne. He spent much of his adult life in Indianapolis and was previously employed as a safety engineer for the Continental Insurance Companies in Indianapolis for over 20 years, retiring in 1976 and moving to Churubusco.


Mr. Wooldridge

He was a member of Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM, Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne and American Legion Post 499 in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 13, 1919, to Harley and Edith (Woods) Wooldridge in Elizabethtown, Ky. He moved to Indiana as a child with his parents and served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Wooldridge; three sons and daughters-in-law, Philip and Angie Carroll of Churubusco, David and Myra Huff of Squires, Mo., and James and Margo Wooldridge of Indianapolis; two brothers and a sister-in-law, James and Ercil Wooldridge of Bethel, Ohio, and Paul Wooldridge of Fairfield, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gary Huff.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, will officiate. Entombment will be in the mausoleum at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne, with American Legion Post 499 in charge of military graveside rites.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the mortuary. Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM will conduct memorial services at 8 p.m. Monday at the mortuary.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church or Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

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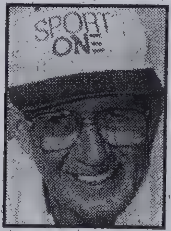
Blue Moon founder, educator Yarde dies at 81

GARRETT — A prominent Garrett educator and business owner, Eugene D. "Jasper" Yarde, 81, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.


Mr. Yarde

Mr. Yarde was a school administrator, serving as principal for J.E. Ober Elementary School in Garrett. He retired in May 1986 with 15 years of service.

He founded, owned and operated the Blue Moon Drive-In in Garrett for 25 years.

Mr. Yarde was a member of Community Church in Corunna, Garrett Masonic Lodge 537, York Rite, Mizpah Shrine, Auburn Moose Lodge, Garrett Lions Club, Garrett American Legion Post 178, and Phi Epsilon Kappa. He also served as Keyser Township trustee.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, where he was wounded in North Africa and Anzio.

He received the Bronze Star.

A 1941 graduate of Garrett High School, he received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University. He was a member of the Garrett school board from 1958-1961.

Born June 23, 1923, in Garrett, he was the son of Claude and Mable (Grogg) Yarde.

On June 29, 1947, he married M. Jane Bradin. She preceded him in death Jan. 16, 1998.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dave and Julie Yarde, and Dan and Jordan Yarde, all of Garrett; and two grandsons, Justin and Dakota Yarde.

His sister, Mary Jane Winebrenner, also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Masonic services by the Garrett Masonic Lodge will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Corunna Community Church or Mizpah Shrine Transportation Fund.

Richard Jackson

LAOTTO — Richard L. Jackson, 75, of LaOtto died at 4:25 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 2001, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler. He had suffered a stroke in December and had been a patient at the nursing home since January.

Mr. Jackson had farmed in Swan Township and had also been employed at the former J.I. Case Co. in Churubusco and at Deister Machine Co. in Fort Wayne for 33 years. He retired from there Jan. 15, 2001.

He was a member of Agape Church of the Brethren near Fort Wayne where he had served on the church board.

Mr. Jackson was a 1947 graduate of Avilla High School and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was born Aug. 31, 1929, to Russell Monroe and Laura L. (Cuney) Jackson. On Jan. 25, 1965, in Albion he married Alice L. (Flowers) Inlow Pepple. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jane A. Pepple of Auburn; a son, Michael Inlow of Baltimore, Md.; a sister, Patricia Pitzer; a niece, Laura Moses; a nephew, Dennis Hanley; three grandchildren; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, DeWayne H. Inlow, on Aug. 1, 1998.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Agape Church of the Brethren, 11610 Lima Road, with the Rev. Keith Simmons officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Agape Church of the Brethren.

Margaret Young

LOGANSPORT — Margaret Jane Young, 88, of Logansport died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at Memorial Hospital in Logansport.

Mrs. Young was born June 2, 1916, in Logansport, to Charles Emery and Lillie Anna (Herrick) Ferguson. She was married to Lawrence B. "Buck" Young in Logansport on Feb. 1, 1941. He died on May 22, 1990.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Pisgah Christian Church, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Jefferson Home Economics Club.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mara J. and Dennis Ashcraft of Logansport; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles L. and Susan Young of Angola; grandchildren and spouses, Melinda Jean Young and Clark L. Trowbridge of Ohio, Michael Charles and Stephanie Lynn Young of Angola, Matthew Scott and Stephanie Ann Young of Pleasant Lake and Jeremy Wayne Ashcraft and Justin Travis Ashcraft, both of Logansport; and great-grandchildren, Tyler Michael Young, MacKenzie Young, D.J. Trowbridge, Amber Trowbridge and Jared Trowbridge.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Robert Caudle officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Pisgah Cemetery, Logansport.

Memorials are to the Gideon Living Memorial Bible Program or the Georgetown Fire Department.

Paula German

ANGOLA — Lifetime Angola resident Paula German, 73, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, in Angola.

Mrs. German was born in Angola on May 29, 1931, to Paul Herman and Cornelia (Masten) Albright. She was married to Lloyd E. German on Aug. 7, 1949, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 31, 2003.

She was a teacher's aide at Prairie Heights Community Schools, and was a member of Flint United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Cynthia German and Jeffery and Pamela German, all of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Carolyn Albright of Angola; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Steven Brittenham officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to Flint United Methodist Church or Flint Cemetery.

Harriet Casler

GARRETT — Harriet L. Casler, 85, of Garrett died at noon Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Michael Ross

FORT WAYNE — Michael Todd Ross, 40, died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a 10-month battle with lung cancer.

Mr. Ross was born on Oct. 30, 1963, in Decatur, Karen (Cauble) and Lanny Ross. He was a self-employed auto and truck mechanic, welder and fabricator.

He owned and drive mini-stock car No. 41 at Angola, Fort Wayne, Kalamazoo, Mich. and other Midwest race tracks, and won many races. He received his auctioneer's license at age 17 from the Reppert Auctioneering School, and was a graduate of Wayne High School.

Surviving are his mother, Karen Cauble Ross Baszczak of Fort Wayne; his father, Lanny W. Ross of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sherri Ross of Markle; a brother, Dean Ross of Canton, Ohio; a nephew, Joseph Ross of Fort Wayne; stepmother, Rebecca Ross of Fort Wayne; stepsiblings, Shane and Gage Benson of Fort Wayne and Meredith Benson of Arlington, Va.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Decatur Cemetery, Decatur. Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the family.

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Alexis Krotzer

KENDALLVILLE — Alexis Renee Krotzer died shortly after birth Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born to Nick J. Krotzer and Amanda Parker Bryant of Kendallville.

Also surviving are a sister, Makayla Bryant of Kendallville; her maternal grandmother, Patricia Parker of Kendallville; her paternal grandmother, Polly Krotzer of Kendallville; her maternal great-grandmother, June Stout of Kendallville; paternal grandparents, Jim and Mary Lou Botteron; maternal great-grandparents, Bob and Wanda Parker of Piggott, Ark.; and paternal great-grandmother, Linda Freeman of Kendallville.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Grace Christian Church. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the church.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Herald Shoup

GOSHEN — Herald H. "Toby" Shoup, 90, of Goshen died at 9:56 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at AmeriCare Living Center in Goshen where he had lived since Jan. 14, 1998.

Mr. H. Shoup

A lifetime Elkhart County resident, he had worked several years as a service station attendant at the Conoco Service Station in Middlebury.

He was a life member of First United Methodist Church where he was active in DAYA Sunday school class and rang the church bell. He was an avid sports fan and followed Northridge High School athletic events.

He was born Oct. 15, 1913, in Elkhart to Merle H. and Mary (Hassen) Shoup.

Surviving are nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Maxine Kinkaid; and two brothers, Everett and Wilson Shoup.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church at Middlebury with the Rev. Linda Craig officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Northridge High School Athletic Department.

Hattie Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Hattie Hicks, 74, of Kendallville died today, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at her home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Wilma Frazier

ANGOLA — Wilma May Frazier, 88, of Angola died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Frazier was born July 30, 1916, in Steuben County, to Clyde E. and Jesse (DeLong) Myers. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Angola Christian Church and Angola American Legion Post No. 31 Auxiliary.

Surviving are three sons, William, Bruce and Barney Bryan, all of Angola; four daughters, Donna Rose of Bluffton, N.C.; Jackie Weber of Angola, Jody Hill of Hamilton and JoAnn Beecher of Fremont; 28 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Crone; her second husband, Jack O. Bryan; her third husband, Thurman Frazier; a brother, Clyde Meyers; and a sister, Wanda Wymond.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Roger Cornelius officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Lorraine Weber

KENDALLVILLE — Lorraine Ann Weber, 62, of Kendallville died at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at her home following a year-long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Weber

Mrs. Weber had spent most of her life in Noble County and had been the secretary to the plant manager at Kraft Foods in Kendallville. She had also worked in the cafeteria with the East Noble School Corp. at one time.

She enjoyed gardening and flowers.

She was born Nov. 30, 1941, in Fort Wayne to James Otto and Velva Viola (Franklin) Post. On June 9, 1963, she married David William Weber. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Valaine Ann and Jaime Vasquez of Avilla; three sons, Christopher C. and Suzanne Weber of Kendallville, Gregory P. and Donna E. Weber of Wolcottville and Grant Neary and Christina R. Weber of Auburn; a sister, Valeria Gordon of Green Valley, Ariz.; two brothers, James Delano Post and Haven Elwood Post; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Metz and the Rev. Kevin Weber officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct information provided to this newspaper.*

Margaret Taylor

ANGOLA — Margaret E. Taylor, 61, of Angola died at 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Taylor was born on June 30, 1943, in Auburn, to Richard and Anna (Morr) Holsinger. She married Patrick V. Taylor on Sept. 12, 1965. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Ramona Taylor of Angola; two sons, Dennis Taylor and Mike Taylor, both of Angola; two sisters, Connie Fisher of Angola and Charleen Smeltzer of LaGrange; a brother, Sam Holsinger of Mackinaw City, Mich.; and a granddaughter, Morgan Taylor of Rochester, Minn.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard Holsinger Jr. and Dean Holsinger.

Services were 11 a.m. today at Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Pastor Phil Thompson officiated.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is handling arrangements.

Mona Bowman

LAGRANGE — Mona J. Bowman, 71, of LaGrange died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at the emergency room at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Bowman was born in Poneto on Dec. 25, 1932. She was married to Jerry Bowman on March 24, 1951, and he survives.

She owned the Turkey Lake Sandwich Shop for many years.

Also surviving are four sons, Rick Bowman of Bluffton, Gregory Bowman of Mount Pass, Calif., and Jeffery and Tracy Bowman, both at home; four sisters, Eileen Hatch, Irene Kirkwood and Diana Kummer, all of Bluffton, and Kay Foreman of Liberty Center; a brother, Terry Onweller of Bluffton; and five grandchildren, Lisa, Gina, Mark, Gregory and Toughy Bowman.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Wright Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 1607 E. Dowling St., Kendallville IN 46755.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

Ruth Sipich

PORTAGE — Ruth Eleanor Sipich, 76, of Portage and Rome City died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004.

Mrs. Sipich was an active member of the Portage community where she served as deputy clerk treasurer for four years, park board secretary for four years and as director of the Bonner Senior Center.

She loved spending time with her family.

She was born Feb. 3, 1928, in Jackson, Mich., to William and Agnes (Meadows) Switzer. On June 1, 1946, in Portage, she married Don Sipich. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Pam Sipich of Porter; two daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy Jo and David Farr of Kokomo and Linda and Dom DiCesare of Portage; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Peggy Thorn and Rose Hansen.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Engel Funeral Home in Portage with Pastor Kenneth Weaver officiating. Burial will be at Graceland Cemetery in Valparaiso.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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Ruby Bonar

LAOTTO — Ruby M. Bonar, 73, of LaOtto died at 5:20 a.m. today, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at her home.

Survivors include her husband, Paul F. Bonar.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to provide additional information.*

Doyle Shoup

ANGOLA — Doyle E. Shoup, 84, of Angola died Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at Northern Lakes Healthcare and Rehabilitation in Angola.

He was retired from Dana Corp., where he had worked 18 years. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran and past post commander of Angola VFW post 7205 and a member of the American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne.

A native of Hillsdale, Mich., he is survived by a nephew, Blaine Shoup of Angola; two daughters, Marsha Lower of Rocky Mount, N.C., and Susan Baumgartner of Angola; a stepson, Daniel Giles of Fort Wayne; and several great-nieces and nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Dennis Shoup; and three sisters, Vera Jackson, Dorothy Baer and Grace Hall.

Services were Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial was in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to the League for the Blind and Disabled.

Harriet Casler

FORT WAYNE — Harriet "Pendy Lou" Casler, 85, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett where she had resided since 1998.

Mrs. Casler had moved to the Fort Wayne area in 1934.

She was born Dec. 2, 1919, in Erie, Pa., to Harry and Marie (Burns) Snyder.

She is survived by the staff and residents at Miller's Merry Manor; a daughter, Cindy, of Cedar Mountain, N.C.; a son, Kim, of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Joshua and Mariah Shomo; a great-grandchild, Kiefer; and a niece, Dianne Wichern of Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy Doyal and Marjorie Brandt.

Services will be private.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

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Ligonier teen dies after crash

CRASH: *Three others injured in Elkhart County incident*

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LIGONIER — Former teachers and co-workers are joining friends and family members in mourning the death of Jackie L. Short, a Ligonier teenager who died Monday night at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries he received in an auto accident earlier in the day in Elkhart County.

Short, 17, was identified by the Allen County Coroner's Office as the victim in a two-vehicle accident that occurred just before 8 p.m. Monday at the west intersection of U.S. 6 and U.S. 33, about six miles west of Ligonier.

Jackie Short

Three other people, including two Topeka teenagers, were injured in the accident.

"Jackie was a very nice boy," said Carol Matthews, one of his teachers at West Noble High School. "He was very helpful to me and my assistant; we really liked him and are sure going to miss him."

Short had withdrawn from school last week to be home-schooled and to work on obtaining a GED diploma, according to Rick Mathew, principal at the high school. Short had been a member of the junior class.

Word of the boy's death slowly trickled into the school on Tuesday, and many students and staff were unaware of his passing until late in the day. Mathew gathered all of the school's teachers together after school on Tuesday to notify them of the former student's death.

"He was a good kid, very easy to get along with," noted Tom Schermerhorn, another teacher at West Noble.

Short worked at the McDonald's restaurant in Ligonier and had recently moved up to a full-time position after leaving school.

Short was a front-seat passenger in a car driven by Dawn M. Smith, 17, of Topeka. Smith's 1993 Ford Escort was southbound on U.S. 33, approaching U.S. 6, when it entered the intersection and collided with another vehicle.

Smith was ejected from her car after the collision. A back-seat passenger in her car, Ashley R. Wilson, 17, of Topeka, was also ejected. Wilson suffered serious injuries including a fractured leg, and was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The driver of the second car, Christal R. Stump, 28, of Milford, was driving a 1977 Ford Taurus and was westbound on U.S. 6. She was taken to Goshen General Hospital, also with serious injuries. An update on her condition was not available this morning.

Short was trapped in the front seat of the car, which overturned onto its top, according to the sheriff's department, and had to be extricated by emergency crews.

Short was first taken to Goshen General Hospital and then airlifted to Parkview in Fort Wayne, according to Elkhart County officials. He died at the Fort Wayne hospital late Monday night, according to Dick Alfeld, an investigator with the Allen County Coroner's Office.

The Elkhart County Sheriff's Department said Short was not wearing a seat belt but Wilson and Stump had their seat belts on. The sheriff's report said Smith failed to yield the right of way to Stump.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors.*

Lorraine Weber

KENDALLVILLE — Lorraine Ann Weber, 62, of Kendallville died at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at her home following a year-long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Weber

Mrs. Weber had spent most of her life in Noble County and had been the secretary to the plant manager at Kraft Foods in Kendallville. She had also worked in the cafeteria with the East Noble School Corp. at one time. She enjoyed gardening and flowers.

She was born Nov. 30, 1941, in Fort Wayne to James Otto and Velva Viola (Franklin) Post. On June 9, 1963, she married David William Weber. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Valaine Ann and Jaime Vasquez of Avilla; three sons, Christopher C. and Suzanne Weber of Kendallville, Gregory P. and Donna E. Weber of Wolcottville and Grant Neary and Christina R. Weber of Auburn; a sister, Valeria Gordon of Green Valley, Ariz.; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, James Delano Post and Haven Elwood Post.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Metz and the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct a reporter's omission.*

Wilma Frazier

ANGOLA — Wilma May Frazier, 88, of Angola died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Frazier was born July 30, 1916, in Steuben County, to Clyde E. and Jesse (DeLong) Myers. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Angola Christian Church and Angola American Legion Post No. 31 Auxiliary.

Surviving are three sons, William, Bruce and Barney Bryan, all of Angola; four daughters, Donna Rose of Bluffton, N.C., Jackie Weber of Angola, Jody Hill of Hamilton and JoAnn Beecher of Fremont; two brothers, Raymond Myers and Lowellon Myers, both of Angola; 28 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Crone; her second husband, Jack O. Bryan; her third husband, Thurman Frazier; a brother, Clyde Meyers; and a sister, Wanda Wymond.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Roger Cornelius officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Hattie Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Hattie Hicks, 75, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Hicks was a homemaker and loved to garden and tend to her flowers.

Mrs. Hicks

She was born Oct. 7, 1928, in Wayland, Ky., to Howard and Ada (Hicks) Stidham. On Jan. 4, 1947, in Paintsville, Ky., she married Curtis Hicks. He died April 10, 1999.

Surviving are three daughters, Vickie Black of Kendallville, Cathy Johnson of Kendallville and Diane Morningstar of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Birdie and Gary Compton of Kendallville; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ernst and Mary Knox, Arvin and Nancy Knox and Arnold and Betty Knox, all of Kendallville; and 11 grandchildren, Crystal Johnson, Kevin Hodge, Klent Hodge, Nicole Gisel, Amanda Hodge, Brock Hodge, Sherry Conley, Melissa Conley, Brian Conley, Matthew Morningstar and Kristen Morningstar.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Linda Hodge and Sherry Conley; four brothers, Burnis Knox, Otis Knox, Curtis Knox and Anthony Knox; and two sisters, Hettie Lucas and Brenda Conley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon with the Rev. Russell Hicks and the Rev. Morris Wicker officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Calling will be after noon today and all day Thursday at the church. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Ruby Bonar

LAOTTO — Ruby M. Bonar, 73, of rural LaOtto died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at 5:20 a.m. at her home in Green Township. She had been in declining health for the past two years.

Mrs. Bonar

As a young woman, Mrs. Bonar was employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne and worked for two years at Hooks Drugs in Churubusco. She also had worked at the former Green Center Store. She was a member of the Green Center United Methodist Church.

She was born March 23, 1931, in Fort Wayne to Dale T. and Sarah (Slater) Pomeroy and spent her formative years there. On Nov. 10, 1951, she married Paul F. Bonar in Churubusco and he survives. The couple spent the early years of their marriage at Blue Lake and had lived at their present farm home east of Green Center since 1960.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Barry Gaff and Linda and Michael Bixby, all of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Betty Pomeroy of Mission, Texas; a sister and brother-in-law, Bertha and Phil Roberson of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Jason Gaff, Kim Gaff, Kari Krehl, David Ley, Elizabeth Ley, Kathryn Bixby and Jack Bixby; and two great-granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Marie Jacobs.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastors Nancy and Austin Ferguson officiating.

Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, Columbia City. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Jackie Short

LIGONIER — Jackie Lee Short, 17, of Ligonier died at 11:35 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries in a traffic accident.

Jackie Short

He lived most of his life in Ligonier and was a student at West Noble High School.

He worked at McDonald's in Ligonier.

He was born Sept. 22, 1986, in LaGrange to Charles Wesley Jr. and Donna (Kemplin) Short. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are three brothers, his twin Christopher Michael Short, William Dale Short and Charles Wesley Short III, all of Ligonier; a sister, Amber Dawn Short of Ligonier; his maternal grandparents, Mary Lee and Pastor Emery Gibson of Rome City and Bernard Kemplin of Kendallville; and his paternal grandmother, Willie Dale Short of Ligonier.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at The House of Prayer, 1608 Dowling St., Kendallville, with Pastor Emery Gibson officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. Thursday and all day Friday at The House of Prayer. Memorials are to The House of Prayer.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

Mildred Myers

LAGRANGE — Mildred C. Myers, 87, of LaGrange died at 8:22 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker. She was a member of Lake Bethel Mennonite Church, Lake Bethel Friendship Circle Sewing Club and the Plato Home Economics Club.

She was born Oct. 5, 1916, in LaGrange to Clyde and Bernice (Randol) Northup. On May 12, 1935, she married Alvin Gerald Myers. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are five sons and a daughter-in-law, Gerald Myers of Pasadena, Texas, George Myers Sr. of Auburn, James and Donna Myers of Orland, Harold Myers of LaGrange, and Richard and Joyce Myers of Homosassa Springs, Fla.; a daughter, Shirley Jones of St. Petersburg, Fla.; three brothers, Harold Northup of Fort Wayne, and Roger and Kenneth Northup of LaGrange; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Wilma Stores and Kathryn and Sam Wilder; a half brother, Floyd Northup of Pleasant Lake; a half sister, Linda Howdyshell; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Harry Myers; a brother, Garold Northup; and her stepmother, Juanita Northup.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or LaGrange Cancer Society.

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Gary Huyette

GROVE CITY, Ohio — Gary Lynn Huyette, 45, of Grove City died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, after a two-year battle with Melanoma skin cancer.

In the last months of his life, Mr. Huyette was surrounded by his family and friends.

He was a 1977 graduate of Grove City High School. He had been employed with Columbus (Buckeye) Steel Castings Co. since 1995 as a maintenance electrician. He was an active member of the C.O.R.D.S. cancer support group at the Grove City Church of the Nazarene, and enjoyed helping others, cooking for his co-workers and being around friends and family. He loved tigers. Mr. Huyette had an unconditional love and was always giving of his time and talents.

He was born on July 15, 1959, in Fort Wayne to Theodore Sr. and Barbara (Shirk) Huyette. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife Angela; two children Rebecca and Christopher Huyette and their mother, Susan McElhoes; three stepchildren Doug, Steph and Michael; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Ted Jr. and Wally and Micki Huyette; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Tammy and Les Goodman, Jamie and George Hill, Cricket and Mark Dolezal, Cindy and Don Kingery and Kathleen and Jason Raleigh; 20 nieces and nephews; three greatnieces and greatnephews; a special friend, Karla Vekas; and two stepmothers, Faye Laudenschlager and Heather Lovett-Fraisher.

Also preceding him in death were his grandparents Glen and Ethel (Starner) Shirk and Walther and Hazel (May) Huyette; uncles Steven Shirk and Glen Camp; aunt Patricia Shirk and greatnephew Thane Kendall-Kelso

Services will be Friday at noon Indiana time at Miller Funeral Home, 2697 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio. Pastor Steve Combs will officiate. Burial will be in Grove City Cemetery. Calling will be Thursday from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Indiana time at the funeral home. Memorials are to Grove City Church of the Nazarene (GCCN) C.O.R.D.S. ministry 4770 Hoover Rd. Grove City, OH 43123 or the American Cancer Society.

Meddie Etinger

ANGOLA — Meddie Etinger, 86, of Angola died Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Etinger was born in Mogoffin County, Ky., on Oct. 2, 1917, to Adam and Elizabeth (Bailey) Conley. She was married to Albert Etinger on Oct. 22, 1940, in Bryan, Ohio, and he preceded her in death on June 21, 2000.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing and making rugs.

Surviving are a niece, Rose Winebrenner of Edon, Ohio; two sisters, Poppy Lee Crawford of Lima, Ohio, and Olie Rither of Hawphorne, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Ken Butz officiating. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Helen Deetz

AUBURN — Helen L. (Tarlton) Deetz, 86, of Auburn died Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Deetz was a homemaker and attended Calvary Chapel Church in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 26, 1918, in Garrett, to Joe and Nellie (Grosh) Tarlton. She married Robert Deetz on Dec. 23, 1939. He died Jan. 9, 1983.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Larry Schoonover of Garrett; three grandchildren, Ray Burniston Jr. of Markle, Tammy Post of Auburn and Kristi McCormick of Fort Wayne; and four great-grandchildren, Amanda and Adam Burniston of Markle, Austin McCormick of Fort Wayne and Caitlin Owens of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother.

Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna, with the Rev. Rod Buzzard officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Calvary Chapel Youth Center.

The Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Thomas Farrington

GRANITE CITY, Ill. — Thomas Edison "Tom" Farrington, 75, of Granite City died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at his home.

Services are pending at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Lorraine Weber

KENDALLVILLE — Lorraine Ann Weber, 62, of Kendallville died Sunday, September 12, 2004, at her home following a year-long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Weber had spent most of her life in Noble County and had been the secretary to the plant manager at Kraft Foods in Kendallville. She had also worked in the cafeteria with the East Noble School Corp. at one time.

She enjoyed gardening and flowers.

She was born November 30, 1941, in Fort Wayne to James Otto and Velva Viola (Franklin) Post. On June 9, 1963, she married David William Weber. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Valaine Ann and Jaime Vasquez of Avilla; three sons, Christopher C. and Suzanne Weber of Kendallville, Gregory P. and Donna E. Weber of Wolcottville and Grant Neary and Christina R. Weber of Auburn; a sister, Valeria Gordon of Green Valley, AZ; two brothers, James Delano Post and Haven Elwood Post; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 16, 2004, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Metz and the Rev. Kevin Weber officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Harriet Casler

GARRETT — Harriet "Pendy Lou" Casler, 85, died Sunday, September 12, 2004 at Millers Merry Manor in Garrett where she had resided since April of 1998.

She was born in Erie, Pennsylvania on December 2, 1919, to Harry Snyder and Marie (Burns) Snyder. She moved to the Fort Wayne area in 1934.

Ms. Casler is celebrated by the loving people of Millers Merry Manor in Garrett; one daughter, Cindy of Cedar Mountain, NC; one son, Kim of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Joshua and Mariah Shomo; one great-grandchild, Kiefer; and niece, Dianne Wichern of Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Dorothy Doyal and Marjorie Brandt.

Private services will be arranged by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Burial will be in Green Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Glenn Mantle

CORUNNA — Glenn E. Mantle, 71, of rural Corunna died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Mantle was a resident of the Corunna area for 46 years. He worked as a milk hauler for Wayne Co-Op in Fort Wayne for 18 years. He retired in 1973 and returned to farming. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the Garrett United Methodist Church.

He was born Oct. 3, 1932, in Whitley County to Solomon and Blanche D. (Worwick) Mantle.

He married Emma Lou Vance on Nov. 3, 1956, in Payne, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and David Treesh of Corunna; a grandson, Daryl Treesh; two brothers, Harley Mantle of Albion and Roger Mantle of Salt Lake City, Utah; and a sister, Wilda Ernst.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert Mantle; and two sisters, Evelyn Bernardin and Lola Briggs.

Services were held Sunday, September 12, 2004, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. Chaplain Paul Marki officiated. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or lupus charities.

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Hattie Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Hattie Hicks, 75, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Hicks

Mrs. Hicks was a homemaker and loved to garden and tend to her flowers.

She was born Oct. 7, 1928, in Wayland, Ky., to Howard and Ada (Hicks) Stidham. On Jan. 4, 1947, in Paintsville, Ky., she married Curtis Hicks. He died April 10, 1999.

Surviving are three daughters, Vickie Black of Kendallville, Cathy Johnson of Kendallville and Diane Morningstar of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Birdie and Gary Compton of Kendallville; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ernst and Mary Knox, Arvin and Nancy Knox and Arnold and Betty Knox, all of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren, Crystal Johnson, Kevin Hodge, Klent Hodge, Nicole Gisel, Amanda Hodge, Brock Hodge, Melissa Conley, Brian Conley, Matthew Morningstar and Kristen Morningstar; and one great-grandchild, Blaine Gisel.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Linda Hodge and Sherry Conley; four brothers, Burnis Knox, Otis Knox, Curtis Knox and Anthony Knox; and three sisters, Hettie Lucas, Maudie Cordial and Brenda Conley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon with the Rev. Russell Hicks and the Rev. Morris Wicker officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be all day today at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Inah Archer

LAGRANGE — Inah M. Archer, 96, of LaGrange died at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in LaGrange.

Mrs. Archer had worked many years at George & Helen's Restaurant in LaGrange, which later was operated by the Carney family.

She was born May 17, 1908, in Sturgis, Mich., to Ralph and Della (Miller) Penrose. On Feb. 14, 1940, she married James Archer. He preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters and a cousin.

There are no survivors.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services.

Dorothy Warford-Vasquez

NOGALES, Ariz. — Dorothy Warford-Vasquez, 81, of Nogales and formerly of Elkhart, Ind., died at 8 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Warford-Vasquez

Mrs. Warford-Vasquez had worked for CTS Corp.

She had been a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Elkhart before moving to Nogales 33 years ago.

Mrs. Warford-Vasquez was active in the Nogales community as part of the Primeria Alta Garden Club, Telecare and United Churches Fellowship.

She was born May 23, 1923, in Garrett, Ind., to George and Ione (Squires) Schulthess. She first married Richard A. Warford Sr. who preceded her in death. She then married A.M. Vasquez, who also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Stephen Price of Elkhart; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Ellen Warford of Kendallville, Ind.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Martha and Emmet Lovett and Carrie Kline, all of Kendallville; three granddaughters, Jessica Warford, Jennifer Price and Jody Price; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Schulthess; and two sisters, Jane Grube and Mildred DeLong.

A family memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at Trinity Church United Methodist, corner of State and Rush streets in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

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Henry Morris

KENDALLVILLE — Henry F. Morris, 69, of Kendallville died unexpectedly at 2:51 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Morris had lived most of his life in the Noble County area. He had retired in 1998 from Harvester in Springfield, Ohio. He had also worked at Harvester in Fort Wayne.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and an avid outdoorsman and naturalist.

Mr. Morris was a beloved father and grandfather who loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was born Aug. 25, 1935, in Coldwater, Mich., to Albert and Helen (Cornish) Morris. On Nov. 29, 1957, he married Darlene R. Sayles. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Allen and Stephanie Morris of Albion; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Roberta and Dennis Bridges, Christine and Jim Anderson, and Sandra Hull, all of Kendallville; a sister, Shirley Temperato of Bayville, N.J.; aunts and uncles, Sophia Cornish, Wanita and Bob Schultz and Harold and Loretta Cornish, all of Coldwater, and Viola of Florida; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Kevin Snead officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Herbert Beekman

WOLCOTTVILLE — A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Lodge in LaGrange for Herbert A. Beekman, 87, of Wolcottville.

Mr. Beekman died at 7:45 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, LaGrange.

Mr. Beekman was a semi truck driver for Shippers Dispatch, and belonged to the Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F&A.M. in LaGrange and the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne.

On Nov. 14, 1916, in Summittville, he was born to Charles Francis and Torrence (Boch) Beekman. He married Harriet McConnell in Nappanee on Jan. 15, 1941. She preceded him in death in 1999.

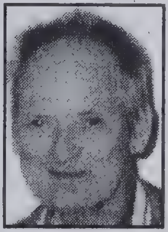
Surviving are a daughter, Susan Elizabeth Pugh of Inverness, Fla.; a niece, Gloria Buckles of Hudson; two grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his wife and parents, was a daughter, Michell Beekman, in 1993.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Chester Cole

ASHLAND CITY, Tenn. — Chester Cole, 61, of Ashland City died Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at his home.



Mr. Cole

Mr. Cole was born in McGaffin County, Ky.

He is survived by five sons, John of Kentucky, Ronnie of Tennessee, Tom of Michigan, Adam of Michigan, Norman of Michigan and Chester Cole Jr., of Michigan; a daughter, Lisa Roberts of Michigan; three sisters, Freda Johnson of Ashland City, Ann May Head of Tennessee and Pauline Munger of Ohio; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and four brothers.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Mark Oberlin

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Mark Allen Oberlin, 48, of Columbus died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004.

Born in Auburn, Mr. Oberlin was a graduate of Ohio State University. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma and the Scioto Boat Club. He enjoyed the company of his pets, Blossom and Piedmont.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Peggy; a brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Jeanette Oberlin of Butler; a sister and brother-in-law, Marsha and Jeff McCann of Hamilton; his mother-in-law, Irene Foulk of Plain City, Ohio; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Steve and Marcia Foulk and Tim and Anna Foulk; and three nephews, Shane Oberlin and Matthew and Stephen Foulk.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Evelyn (Wible) Oberlin and his father-in-law, Edwin Foulk.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at the Tidd Funeral Home with crematory, 5265 Norwich St., Hilliard, Ohio, with Pastor Casey Wilson officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Amlin United Methodist Church (Building Music) Services Fund, the Ronald McDonald House or to the re-election of George W. Bush.

Buddy Vendrely

SPENCERVILLE — Buddy Ronald "Bud" Vendrely, 71, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004, at VA Northern Indiana Health Care System, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Vendrely was a self-employed carpenter and a Korean War Marine Corps veteran. He was a member of the Jack Brinker American Legion Leo Post 409.

He was born June 19, 1933, in Allen County to Erving R. and Dorothy M. (Hursh) Vendrely. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by two daughters, Kim Gnagy of Auburn and Bobby Hartman of Hamilton; a son, Aaron Vendrely of Spencerville; a companion, Phyllis Arnett of Spencerville; four grandchildren, Lindsey and Jasmine Hartman, Shane Wilson and Cory Vendrely; and a sister, Nancy Vendrely of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery with military graveside services conducted by Leo Post 409.

Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Services are Saturday for crash victim

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LIGONIER — Funeral services will be Saturday in Kendallville for Jackie L. Short, the Ligonier teenager who died Monday night at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries he received in an auto accident earlier in the day in Elkhart County.

Short, 17, died nine days before he would turn 18.

He passed away after being a passenger in a car involved in a two-vehicle accident that occurred just before 8 p.m. Monday at the intersection of U.S. 6 and U.S. 33, about six miles west of Ligonier.

Three other people, including two Topeka teenagers, were injured in the accident.

Short was a passenger in the back seat of a car driven by Dawn M. Smith, 17, of Topeka. Smith's 1993 Ford Escort was southbound on U.S. 33, approaching U.S. 6, when it entered the intersection and collided with another vehicle.

Smith and Short were ejected from her car after the collision. The front-seat passenger in Smith's car, Ashley R. Wilson, 17, of Topeka, was treated and released from the hospital.

Short, Smith and Wilson all worked at the McDonald's restaurant in Ligonier.

Smith was expected to be released from the hospital today, and Wilson was already treated and released.

"Jackie was just a real nice guy," said Dwana Hershberger, manager of the local McDonalds. "He was always in a good mood; never down. He was always willing to help with anything that was asked of him. He will be missed."

Short had recently moved up to a full-time position at the restaurant, after leaving school.

"Jackie was a very nice boy," said Carol Matthews, one of his teachers at West Noble High School. "He was very helpful to me and my assistant; we really liked him and are sure going to miss him."

Short had withdrawn from school last week in order to be home-schooled and work on obtaining a GED diploma, according to Rick Mathew, principal at the high school. Short had been a member of the junior class.

Word of the boy's death slowly trickled into the school on Tuesday, and many students and staff were unaware of his passing until late in the day. Mathew gathered all of the school's teachers together after school on Tuesday to notify them of the former student's death.

"He was a good kid, very easy to get along with," noted Tom Schermerhorn, another teacher at West Noble.

Short was airlifted to Parkview in Fort Wayne, according to Elkhart County officials. He died late Monday night, according to Dick Alfeld, an investigator with the Allen County coroner's office.

The driver of the second car, Christal R. Stump, 28, of Milford, was driving a 1977 Ford Taurus and was westbound on U.S. 6. She was taken to Goshen General Hospital, also with serious injuries, according to the Elkhart County Sheriff's Dept.

The Elkhart County Sheriff's Dept. said Short was not wearing a seat belt but Wilson and Stump had their seat belts on. The sheriff's report said Smith failed to yield the right of way to Stump.

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Jackie Short

LIGONIER — Jackie Lee Short, 17, of Ligonier died at 11:35 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries in a traffic accident.

Mr. Short

He lived most of his life in Ligonier and was a student at West Noble High School.

He worked at McDonald's in Ligonier.

He was born Sept. 22, 1986, in LaGrange to Charles Wesley Jr. and Donna (Kemplin) Short. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are three brothers, his twin Christopher Michael Short, William Dale Short and Charles Wesley Short III, all of Ligonier; a sister, Amber Dawn Short of Ligonier; his maternal grandparents, Mary Lee and Pastor Emery Gibson of Rome City and Bernard Kemplin of Kendallville; and his paternal grandmother, Willie Dale Short of Ligonier.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at The House of Prayer, 1608 Dowling St., Kendallville, with Pastor Emery Gibson officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. today and all day Friday at The House of Prayer. Memorials are to The House of Prayer.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

The following obituary should have been published in last week's Advance-Leader. We apologize for the oversight.

Chip Fourman

LIGONIER — Chaney Scott "Chip" Fourman, 45, of Ligonier died at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at his residence, Shadow Hill Farm in rural Ligonier.

Mr. Fourman had moved to his farm in 1982 from Kimmell.

He was a truck driver for several years for Brothers Express based in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fourman was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan, an animal lover, and enjoyed NASCAR and other motor sports.

He was born June 16, 1959, in Troy, Ohio.

Surviving are his mother, Betty "Minnich" Parker of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kay and Steven Kaufman of Fort Wayne and Deb and Mark Burkhardt of Bronson, Mich; four nieces, Shannon Kaufman, Michelle Burkhardt, Stephanie Melvin and Jennifer Boesch; and four nephews, Steven Kaufman II, Kip Burkhardt, Loran Melvin and Matt Boesch.

Services were held Wednesday, Sept. 8 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Donavon Coley officiating. Burial wasin Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, Open Arms Ministry or the Allen County Cancer Society.

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Anton Nokovic

LAKE GEORGE — Anton "Tony" Nokovic of Lake George and formerly of Lake Station, died suddenly Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at Buck Lake Ranch.

Mr. Nokovic was a corrections officer at Westville Correctional Facility and had worked for Taylor Forge. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He enjoyed spending time at Buck Lake Ranch, located in rural Angola.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; a son, Larry of Lake Station; daughters Annette of Lake Station and Christine of Fremont; three grandchildren, Megan, Amanda and Anthony; a brother, Alex; and two sisters, Sylvia Kramer of Portage and Sonia Rivera of Gary.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glico and Pelagic Nokovic, and his in-laws, Rene and Gloria Luellman.

Memorial services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at Buck Lake Ranch, located on Buck Lake Road off C.R. 200W.

Funeral services were Monday at Christopher Funeral Home, Lake Station.

Memorials may be made to the family through the funeral home at (219) 962-4115.

Frances Caswell

COLDWATER, Mich. — Frances Elizabeth Caswell, 93, of Coldwater, Mich., died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born June 21, 1911, in Woodburn to William J. and Lucy L. McMaken Kyburz. She married Harold Darwin Caswell Sept. 13, 1930, in Kinderhook, Mich. He preceded her in death April 15, 1970. Mrs. Caswell was a homemaker. She enjoyed baking and was very active in her church.

Survivors include her daughter, Joy Thomas of Coldwater, Mich., and her husband, Bill; a son, Russell and his wife, Irene, of Sturgis, Mich.; three daughters-in-law, CoraVee Caswell of Fremont, Carol Holiday of Hastings, Mich., and Carolyn Caswell of Florida; a son-in-law, George Rathburn of Orland; 15 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were three sons, Irving, Paul and Eugene, and a daughter, Dorothy Rathbun.

Services will be Sunday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, at 2 p.m. with Pastor John Rodgers officiating. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery, Kinderhook. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Gideons, Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Ned Heiney

LAKE PANASOFFKEE, Fla. — Ned A. Heiney, 79, of Lake Panasoffkee, Fla., died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, in Citrus Memorial Hospital, Inverness, Fla.

A native of Homer, Mich., he was born May 11, 1925, to John and Stella Bartholmew Heiney.

Mr. Heiney retired from the Pinellas County School System in Florida as a foreman in 1987. Prior to moving to Florida, he worked in the Coldwater, Mich., schools. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Lake Panasoffkee Moose Lodge and the American Legion. He frequently camped in the summers in the Angola area.

Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Eula Hall Heiney; four sons, John A. Heiney of Jerome, Mich., Daryle D. Snyder of Bethel Park, Pa., Tom Snyder of Montgomery, Mich., and Gary Snyder of Coldwater, Mich.; four daughters, Barbara Clouse of Lubbock, Texas, Shirley Meyer of Humeston, Iowa, Carol Farish of Lake Panasoffkee, and Roberta Capozzi of Billings, Mont.; 17 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the Charles E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness. Burial will follow in Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fla., with full military honors. Calling will be from noon until the service at the funeral home on Monday.

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Ralph Koepka

AVILLA — Ralph H. Koepka, 92, of Avilla died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at 6:50 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Koepka had lived in Avilla for three years. He was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. He was a car inspector on the B&O/C&O Railroad for 47 years, retiring in 1976.

He was born Dec. 12, 1911, in Garrett to Louis and Lisetta (Peters) Koepke. They preceded him in death. On Nov. 9, 1944, in Cleveland, Ohio, he married Margaret Felice. She died on Jan. 19, 1996.

Surviving are two sisters, Shirley Griffin of Auburn and Bernice Humbarger of Sebring, Fla.; a brother, Clarence Koepke of Cottonwood, Ariz.; four nieces and nephews and eight greatnieces and greatnephews.

Also preceding him in death was a brother, Robert Koepke.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1349 S. Randolph St., Garrett. Pastor Jeffrey Horn will officiate. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Thomas Farrington

GRANITE CITY, Ill. — Thomas Edison "Tom" Farrington, 75, of Granite City, Ill., died Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Farrington was a retired salesman for the Mack Truck Co. He was a former member of the Auburn Jaycees, a member of the Tri-State Motorcycle Club, a former member and past president of the former Corunna Lions Club and a member of the Collinsville Barbershop Quartet.

He was born Feb. 9, 1929, in Corunna to Earl and Ada Farrington. He married Patricia Ann Miser on Jan. 21, 1949, and she died on Jan. 4, 2004.

He is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Wayne and Kim Farrington of Bloomington, Don and Jane Farrington of Granite City and Ron Farrington and his fiancee, Jackie Sipes, of Granite City; three daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Harry Rottger of Auburn, Cathy and Jim Bryant of Gettysburg, Pa., and Cheryl and Bob Wright of Granite City; and two sisters-in-law, Jane Wilhelm of LaGrange and Lorna Mavis of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Wade Allen Rottger, two sisters, Lois Albright and Joan Beadell, and a brother, Charles Farrington.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-6 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A private burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery prior to calling.

Memorials are to the Corunna Fire Department.

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The Rev. Willis 'Calvin' Chaffin

GARRETT — The Rev. Willis "Calvin" Chaffin, 77, of Garrett died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at 11 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Chaffin was employed at General Motors for 30 years, retiring in 1977. He then worked as a pastor, serving churches in Detroit, Mich., Puxico, Mo., and Pekin and Rockford, Ill. For the past six years he had worked at Wal-Mart in Auburn.

Mr. Chaffin

He was a member of the New Testament Church in Flint, Mich., Big Brothers of Flint and a retired member of the General Baptist Association of Michigan. He attended Auburn Baptist Church.

He was born July 25, 1927, in Broseley, Mo., to William Albert and Flossie (Lack) Chaffin and they are deceased.

He married Donna Gould on Jan. 27, 1951, in Angola and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Tonya Chaffin of Garrett; two brothers, Bill Chaffin of Decatur, Ala., and James Skidmore of Las Vegas, Nev.; three sisters, Virginia Johnson of St. Joseph, Mo., Goldia Hittle of Croswell, Mich., and Nancy Phillips of Enterprise, Ala.; three grandchildren and their spouses, Tara and Mike Lilly, Tricia and Chad Rayle and Trina and Kip Rayle, all of Garrett; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Lowell Chaffin, a brother, Charles Chaffin, and three sisters, Mildred Moore, Geneva Keene and Betty Jo Chaffin.

Services will be Sunday at 5 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Bill Weaver officiating.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Services also will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Swartz Funeral Home, Flint, Mich., with calling Monday from 3-7 p.m. (Indiana times).

Burial will be in Crestwood Cemetery, Flint.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Betty Lohm

CARMEL — Betty J. Lohm, 77, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at Sunrise of Carmel in Carmel.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by two brothers, Gene Shanyfelt of Auburn and Herb Shanyfelt of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Barbara Houser of Auburn, and Frances Reinders and Beverly Dibble, both of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter M. Lohm, in 1987, and a son, Arthur Lohm.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at McComb Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery in Antwerp, Ohio.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Jeremiah Goad

WINONA LAKE — Jeremiah D. Goad, 21, of Winona Lake died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at 12:16 p.m. at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Mr. Goad was a student at Ivy Tech in Warsaw and formerly was employed at Dalton Foundry. He had been a Winona Lake resident for one year.

He was born July 7, 1983, in Dallas, Texas, to Walter D. and Susan J. (Sprinkle) Goad.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Sue and Wes Degenkolb of Winona Lake; his father and stepmother, Walter and Debra Goad of Jacksonville, Fla.; a brother, David Goad of Winona Lake; a stepbrother, Eric Degenkolb of Kokomo; and grandparents Dave and Eugina Fulkerson of Warsaw, Robert and Barbara Sprinkle of Huntington, John and Betty Degenkolb of Kokomo and Judy Carmichael of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Kenneth and Patricia Goad.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw, with chaplain Doug West officiating.

Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the David Goad Education Fund, 1324 Lexington Drive, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

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Arthur Ellis

AUBURN — Arthur Ellis, 76, of Ashley and formerly of Kendallville, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Ellis was born to Arthur and Ethel (Deems) Ellis on Oct. 29, 1927, in Fort Wayne.

He married Mabel Marie Miller on Nov. 9, 1946.

He enjoyed C.B. and ham radios and reading science fiction.

He is survived by his wife; five daughters and two sons-in-law, Donna and David Koehlinger of Fort Wayne, Sharon Ellis of Fort Wayne, Beverly Lankford of Kendallville, Dianna and Claude Buss of Auburn, and Jeanine Bender of Pleasant Lake; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Nancy Ellis of Edon, Ohio, and Brian and Peggy Ellis of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Laura Frey of Corunna and Delphia Samis of Sulphur, Okla.; one brother and sister-in-law, Alvin and Thelma Ellis of Denver, Colo.; one half-sister, Regina, and her spouse William Pogue of Auburn; 15 grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Carl Ellis; a daughter, Karen Sue Ellis; two sisters, Eunice and Dorothy; a son-in-law, Robert Lankford; and a niece, Cynthia Frey.

There are no services or calling. A burial date will be announced later.

Arrangements are by Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Hattie Hicks** were held Friday at 11 a.m. at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church with the Revs. Russell Hicks and Morris Wicker officiating.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kevin Hodge, Klent Hodge, Brock Hodge, Brian Conley, Matthew Morningstar and Matthew Gisel.

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Mrs. Orlosky a lover of history, education

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AUSTIN, Texas — Elizabeth Orlosky had a deep love for education — whether she was the student or the teacher.

"She just had this love of learning and teaching," said Mrs. Orlosky's daughter, Mary MacDowall. "She had this whole experience with education as both a student and a teacher. It was there that she built and maintained so many relationships."

Mrs. Orlosky, 84, lived in Angola most of her life. She died on Aug. 28, after being in failing health for several months.

Her love of learning was something that Mrs. Orlosky passed on to Mary and to her other daughter, Pat Kilpatrick.

"Her students were in and out of our house all the time," Mary remembered. "That was a great education in itself for us."

Pat said her mother cared deeply about people, and helped them whenever she could.

"I think she did a lot of that quietly, and on a one-to-one basis," she said.

Pat also remembers her mother being frustrated by unfairness.

Mrs. Orlosky

"There were so many stories she told me about the individuals the system was treating unfairly and what she tried to do to help them," she said.

Pat said she remembers her mother wanting to know all she could about those people.

"She was curious about people when she met them," Pat said. "She wanted to know all about them – about their lives, their backgrounds, their travels."

Pat said her mother stressed to her girls that reading was one of life's great joys.

"She was a voracious reader," Pat, who Mrs. Orlosky lived with in Austin, Texas, at the time of her death. "She read the Wall Street Journal, the Austin paper, and the Herald-Republican. She practically read the entire Austin library."

Mrs. Orlosky went to school all her young life in Angola. She was the salutatorian of Angola High School's class of 1938, and went on to earn degrees at DePauw University, Ball State University and Indiana University.

She was a teacher at several Indiana schools, and joined the staff of Tri-State University in 1956, where she taught English and speech. She was also active in other TSU facets, such as founding the Tri-State Forensic Society. She was a co-adviser for the TSU radio station from the time it was founded in 1978 until her retirement in 1986.

Mrs. Orlosky's love of history and Tri-State led her to write TSU's centennial history, "From Carriage to Computer: The First One Hundred Years of Tri-State University." The book was published in 1984.

"I definitely remember her writing that book," Mary said. "It was a lot of work, but it was a joyful thing for her — to really dig into something that she knew and loved present-day."

Pat remembers her mother writing the TSU history as well.

"She loved doing historical research, and she found the facts she dug up so fascinating," she said.

Mrs. Orlosky also wrote a history of the Angola United Methodist Church, of which she was an active member for many years. She contributed poetry to many books and publications.

Even after she moved to Austin, Texas, to live with Pat, Mrs. Orlosky had fond memories of Angola.

Henry Johnson

AUBURN — Henry M. Johnson, 83, of Auburn, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Johnson was born Dec. 10, 1920, in Waterloo, to Robert and Mary (Rohm) Johnson.

Surviving is one brother, Harry Johnson of Battle Creek, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Perry and Robert Johnson.

Services will be Monday at noon in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling is Monday from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

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Myrtle Pristas

BRYAN, Ohio — Former Pleasant Lake resident Myrtle Ellen Pristas, 82, of Bryan, Ohio, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at Harborside Health Care in Bryan.

Mrs. Pristas was a homemaker and mother. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

She was born Oct. 26, 1921, in Vincennes, to Russell and Mary (Ray) Rinehart.

She married Andy Pristas on Nov. 30, 1940, and he preceded her in death on April 6, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas Pristas of Bryan and Phillip and Sharon Pristas of Cincinnati, Ohio; two brothers, Steven Rinehart of Morgantown, W.Va. and Joseph Rinehart of Angola; four sisters, Roberta Bozimowski of Plymouth, Mich., Mickie Champion of Fremont, Delight Pirc of Milford, Conn. and Joyce Capone of Spokane, Wash.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Rinehart Jr., in 1982; and a sister, Ruth Collins, in 1987.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with the Rev. Gerald Herman officiating.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or Harborside Health Care of Bryan.

William Thacker

GARRETT — William O. Thacker, 54, of Garrett, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Thacker was born Oct. 3, 1949, in Pikeville, Ky., to Allen Paul and Gladys (Thacker) Thacker.

He married Thresa Isham on July 3, 1986, at the Good Shepherd Church in Garrett.

Surviving are two daughters, Shawnae M. Thacker of Auburn and Kelly Baker of Kentucky; four sons, Jeffrey, Billy and Darrell Thacker, all of Texas, and David Baker of Michigan; three stepchildren, Christopher Greuter, Tracey Bley and Shay Greuter, all of Garrett; two brothers, Paul Thacker and Clarence Thacker, both of Garrett; two sisters, Julia Irish of Butler and Allena Thacker of Waterloo; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Thelma Thacker.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Gregory Baker

WATERLOO — Gregory J. Baker, 25, of Waterloo, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Baker was a veteran of the U.S. Army and attended Calvary Temple in Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 17, 1979, in Auburn, to Shirley Ann Baker. His mother preceded him in death.

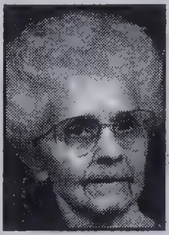
Surviving are his grandmother, Maxine Olds of Waterloo; a sister, Alicia Fosnaugh of Auburn; three brothers, Michael Baker of Milwaukee, David Baker of Waterloo and Darnell Kirksey of Auburn; a niece and nephew, Jayden McCowan and Briana Fosnaugh; and uncle and aunt, Greg and Kathy Baker of Butler; and three aunts and two uncles, June and Steve Jordan of Auburn, Cindy and Mike Schuller of Waterloo and Raynell Mills of Waterloo.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Katie Miller

GOSHEN — Katie Miller, 90, of Goshen died at 10:05 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at Greencroft Health Care in Goshen.



Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and had lived in the Goshen area since 1964.

She was a member of First Mennonite Church.

She was born June 26, 1914, in Newton County to Joe and Katie (Schlabach) Yoder.

Three husbands preceded her in death — Raymond Stutzman, whom she married Feb. 5, 1929, in Nappanee; Mose Schrock, whom she married Aug. 27, 1966, in Middlebury; and Ora Miller whom she married Oct. 7, 1972, in Middlebury.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Viola and Ben Kaiser of Milford and Fern and Lowell Maust of Goshen; four sons and daughters-in-law, Edwin and Betty Stutzman of Kokomo, Eugene and Shirley Stutzman of Kendallville, Ralph and Marilyn Stutzman of Indianapolis, and Robert and Verna Stutzman of Cedar Hill, Texas; 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Raymond Stutzman Jr.; three sisters, Nora Miller, Mattie Miller and Millie Bontrager; and six brothers, Henry, Harvey, Joe, Eli, Simon and Tobias Yoder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linford Martin and Rev. Pamela Yoder officiating.

Jesslynn Gallo

ALBION — Jesslynn Sue Gallo, daughter of Hector Manuel Gallo Jr. and Delisha Sue Roark of Albion, died shortly after birth Saturday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Surviving with her parents are maternal grandparents, Eddy and Terri Roark of Albion; paternal grandfather, Ralph Detwiler of Albion; maternal great-grandmother Dale Messer of Albion; and paternal great-grandmother, Betty Gray of Churubusco.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brimfield Revival Center in Brimfield with Brett Frick officiating.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Burial will be in South Union Cemetery in Nappanee.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Gideon's International or the Elkhart County Hospice.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Madolin Ort

GARRETT — Madolin M. Ort, 92, of Garrett died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004 at 2:05 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home of Garrett.

Miss Ort had lived in Garrett for the past 36 years. She served as the executive secretary for the Teamsters Union before retiring in 1966.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Born Aug. 2, 1912 in Garrett, she was the daughter of Charles A. and Frances J. (Erickson) Ort.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, William A. and Victoria Ort of Garrett; two nieces and their husbands, Alice and Jerry Weller and Julia and Wayne Boltz, all of Garrett; a nephew and his wife, Chuck and Terry Ort of Garrett; 10 great-nieces and nephews and 18 great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Helen Ort.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer and Jim Lilley officiating.

There will be no calling.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Galligher

Mr. Galligher

ALBION — Kenneth H. Galligher, 77, of Albion died at 1:55 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, in Parkview Whitley Hospital at Columbia City.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Church in Albion.

He retired as a welder/inspector for Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne in 1986.

He enjoyed farming, raising cattle and following high school sports.

He was born Oct. 24, 1926, in Allen County to Kenneth and Marie (Fox) Galligher. He married Eleanor Galbreath on March 4, 1946, in New Haven. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Stan Reed of Fort Wayne, Linda (Messman) and Bill Mason of Monroeville; Karen and Jim Nuttle of Fort Wayne, Barbara and Jim Molessa of Tucson, Ariz., and Patricia and Denny Oswald of Fort Wayne; three sons, Kenneth Galligher Jr. of Albion, Michael and Chris Galligher of Albion, and Steven and Doreen Galligher of Albion; three brothers, Don Galligher of Auburn, Jim Galligher of Monroeville and Greg Galligher of Monroeville; three sisters, Dorothy Michlec of Fort Wayne, Gloria Bouse of Fort Wayne, Phyllis Sheoph of Fort Wayne; 23 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Bosco Church in Churubusco with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. today at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the church.

Memorial are to Blessed Sacrament Church.

Norma Hite

LIGONIER — Norma Hite, 89, of Ligonier died at 12:15 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at Avalon Village Health Care.

Mrs. Hite had been an operator for both the Ligonier and Topeka telephone companies.

A lifetime Ligonier resident, she and her husband enjoyed traveling, especially to the Wisconsin lakes area and to Frankenmuth, Mich.

She was born April 8, 1915, in Ligonier to Louis and Ruth (Todd) Levy. On Sept. 5, 1943, in Goshen she married Keith C. Hite. He survives.

Surviving are a brother, Jon Levy of Astoria, Ore.

She was preceded in death by two infant children; a brother, Virgil Levy; and a sister, Elizabeth Antonides.

Services will be at noon Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be two hours prior to services Tuesday.

Edith Aldrich

FORT WAYNE — Edith Aldrich, 74, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Aldrich was born Sept. 21, 1929, in Newton, N.C. She worked at Value City for 21 years, retiring in 2002.

She enjoyed crocheting.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Jim Zimmerman of Shipshewana; two sons and daughters-in-law, Derrick W. and Cathy Aldrich of Pleasant Lake and Daron H. and Robin Aldrich of Indianapolis; a daughter-in-law, Deb Aldrich of Parker, Texas; three brothers, Chester Blackmon of Sumpter, S.C., Donald Blackmon of Ocala, Fla., and Steve Blackmon of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Sara Bazzle of North Charleston, S.C., Hazeline Hill of Florence, S.C. and Caroline Stewart of Manning, S.C.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Aldrich, in 2001; a daughter, Gina Aldrich, in 1970; a son, Douglas F. Aldrich, in 2003; three sisters, Margaret Holiday, Kathleen Green and Thenia Bird; and a brother, Waddell Blackmon.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling is Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Crossroads.

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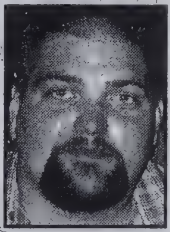
Gregory Baker

WATERLOO — Gregory J. Baker, 25, of Waterloo died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at his home.



Mr. Baker

Mr. Baker was a veteran of the U.S. Army and attended Calvary Temple in Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 17, 1979, in Auburn, to Shirley Ann Baker. His mother preceded him in death.

Surviving are his grandmother, Maxine Olds of Waterloo; a sister, Alicia Fosnaugh of Auburn; three brothers, Michael Baker of Milwaukee, David Baker of Waterloo and Darnell Kirksey of Auburn; a niece and nephew, Jayden McCowan and Briana Fosnaugh; and uncle and aunt, Greg and Kathy Baker of Butler; and three aunts and two uncles, June and Steve Jordan of Auburn, Cindy and Mike Schuller of Waterloo and Raynell Mills of Waterloo.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be today from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Former Ligonier businessman Robert Kidd, 84, dies

LIGONIER — Former Ligonier businessman Robert W. Kidd, 84, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, in Naples, Fla.

Mr. Kidd

Mr. Kidd was president and chairman of the board of Kidd & Co. in Ligonier for many years. Under his direction the marshmallow company grew from 15 employees to 450.

He was an active member of the Ligonier community. He held memberships in the West Noble American Legion, Ligonier Elks Club and the Ligonier Rotary Club. He served on the board of the Ligonier Library and was a member of the Private Label Manufacturers Association.

Mr. Kidd was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church.

He was an avid golfer, an accomplished artist and a pen maker. He enjoyed collecting antiques and stamps. He played with the group the Tune Butchers.

Mr. Kidd was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and lived in the Ligonier area since 1946.

He was born May 23, 1920, in Chicago to George W. and Grace (Janes) Kidd. In 1943, in Decatur, Ill., he married Annabelle Kunz. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Charles W. and Chloe Kidd of Ligonier, John R. and Christine Kidd of Las Vegas, Nev., and Christopher and Angie Kidd of Ligonier; three daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Greg Knepp of Ligonier, Julia and Kevin Fenner of Naperville, Ill., and Jan and Jim Boeglin of Bonita Springs, Fla.; 20 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh and the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Relay for Life.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home at Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Kleeman

CHILLICOTHE, Mo. — Robert Fredrick Kleeman, 80, of Chillicothe died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at Morningside Nursing Home in Chillicothe.

Mr. Kleeman was a 1943 graduate of Auburn High School. In the 1950s he owned several businesses, including a grain and seed company and a plumbing business. He was a chef for many years and was a social worker in Logansport until his retirement. He moved to Chillicothe from Bradenton, Fla., in 2001.

He was born April 27, 1924, in Auburn, Ind., to Karl and Maude Kleeman.

He married Marjorie Ann Rice on July 11, 1943, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Roberta Ann and Phil Watson of Whittier, Calif., Pamela Lynn and Don Brewer of Lacey, Wash., and Kathryn Marie and David Copeland of Chillicothe, Mo.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Friends are invited to join in fellowship with the family at the LaQuinta Inn of Auburn, immediately following the service.

The family requests that no flowers be sent.

Memorials are to the Highview Baptist Church of Chillicothe and may be mailed to Lindley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 47, Chillicothe, MO 64601.

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Kidd remembered as man of many talents

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LIGONIER — Robert "Bob" Kidd, whose family name is synonymous with the marshmallow industry in Noble County, is being remembered as more than a successful businessmen following his death earlier this week in Florida.

Mr. Kidd

Kidd, 84, who died Sunday in Naples, Fla., was a man of many talents and a friend to many, according to those who knew him.

He had moved to Florida earlier this year on a permanent basis after wintering there for several years. He waged a brief battle with cancer before his death.

"He was a fantastic individual," said David Laird of Ligonier. "Bob was a very sensitive man, and very aware of people and their feelings and was always there to help. I enjoyed every moment that I was around him and his wife, Annie."

Kidd lost his wife, Annabelle, about three years ago.

Kidd was one of three generations of his family to operate the Kidd and Co. marshmallow plant in Ligonier. His father, George W. Kidd, brought the company to Noble County in 1946. After his father retired, Kidd ran the factory for many years, building it into one of the nation's largest producers of marshmallows. Kidd's sons Charles, Chris and John took over the business after he retired.

Under Bob Kidd's leadership the company flourished from a regional producer to a major player on the national level of marshmallow marketing and producing. To keep up with demand, the company opened a second factory in Nevada.

In 1996 the Ligonier company was sold to a conglomerate, Favorite Brands International.

Bob Kidd the businessman was balanced by Bob Kidd the artist and friend. He was well known, for example, for carving intricate writing pens that he gave to friends and family members. Most people remember him as having an uncountable number of friends.

"He was a very special person to me," commented Tom Janes, owner of Charger House restaurant in Ligonier where Kidd could be found almost every morning. "I've known him all my life — we had a lot of interesting times and a lot of good conversations; we had a neat relationship."

Visitation is Thursday at Ligonier United Methodist Church and the funeral will be Friday.

Jack Barton

ALBION — Jack L. Barton, 67, of Albion died at 11 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, 2004.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Adeline Stuckey

AUBURN — Services for Adeline Stuckey, 96, of Auburn will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren. The Rev. Donald Shankster will officiate.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Stuckey died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, the DeKalb County Farm Bureau 4T's and the Heimach Center.

She was born Dec. 1, 1907, in Pike County to John and Barbara (Gingerich) Aschleman.

She married LaVern H. Stuckey on March 28, 1929, in Spencerville. He died Sept. 8, 1958.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lowell L. and Joyce Stuckey of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Lowneta and Charles Freed of Waterloo a brother, Raymond Aschleman of Auburn; a sister, Mildred Palmer of Tucson, Ariz.; five grandchildren, Tammy Fink, Tracy Barse, Trent Stuckey, Cynthia Reed and Richard Freed; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers, William, Cletus, Elmer and Amos Aschleman.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren or the Heimach Center.

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John Leighty

WINTER SPRINGS, Fla. — John Ray "J.R." Leighty, 74, of Winter Springs died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at his home following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Leighty

Mr. Leighty moved to Winter Springs four years ago from Casselberry. He moved to Casselberry in the late 1950s from Kendallville, Ind.

He worked as a carpenter and held several custodial positions before retiring from the Seminole County Public Schools in 1994. Following his retirement, he and his wife traveled throughout the country selling fraternal and Western accessories at merchandise conventions.

Mr. Leighty served as a Casselberry city councilman from 1970 to 1983.

He was a member of Northland Church where he was active in the AMEN Group. He was a Master Mason with South Seminole Masonic Lodge in Casselberry and well as a Noble Shriner with the Bahia Shrine Temple in Maitland. He was a member of the Tin Lizzies and the Keystone Kops.

Mr. Leighty was born in Kendallville to the late Earl D. and Sara Leighty. Mr. Leighty died on the anniversary of his father's death on Sept. 17, 1980.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanie of Winter Springs; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kris and Harold Ebert of Longwood, Fla., and Kim and Max Taylor of Winter Springs; a son, Robert Earl Leighty; three stepdaughters, Coleta Renneger and her husband, Don, Becky Borden and Sherry Lott, all of Springfield, Mo.; a stepson, Randy Stacy of Springfield; a sister, Betty Diehl of Kendallville; four grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins in the Kendallville area.

He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Mildred, who was formerly of South Milford, Ind.; a sister, Eleanor Ellenbecker of Kendallville; two brothers, Earl Leighty Jr. and Walter Leighty, both of Kendallville; and a stepgranddaughter, Tiffany Johnson.

Services were today at Northland's Chapel Annex in Casselberry. Burial was in All Faiths Memorial Park.

Helen Ley

SYRACUSE — Helen Ley, 82, of Syracuse and formerly of Kendallville, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Mrs. Ley had been a Kendallville resident until 10 years ago when poor health forced her to lived in health care facilities in Avilla and Syracuse.

She had been a day care teacher at the Cole Center Family YMCA in Kendallville and had loved working with children.

Mrs. Ley was an avid reader and enjoyed playing cards and doing crossword puzzles.

She was born Aug. 11, 1922, in Albion to William and Juanita (Beckner) Grimes.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeff and Vicki Ley of Leesburg and Mark Ley Sr. of Grovertown; two daughters and a son-in-law, Anne Burns of North Webster and Cheryl and Bryan Anderson of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sisters, Dora Kelly of Hawaii and Nell Hipshire of Cromwell; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Mark Eastway officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Delores Hughes

HUDSON — Delores E. Hughes, 89, of Hudson died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hughes was born Jan. 31, 1915, in Otsego Township, Steuben County, to Joseph and Belle (Lemmon) Sewell. She was married to Howard W. Hughes, who preceded her in death on July 19, 1972.

She retired after 30 years at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola. She and her husband farmed for many years in Jackson Township in Steuben County.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara L. and George Steffes of Edgerton, Ohio, and Pamela K. and Richard Kain of Orland; a sister, Hazel Heston of Hamilton; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, George Steffes Jr.; a brother, Bill Sewell; and a sister, Pauline Brandt.

Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Calling is today from 3-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Jackson Township.

Memorials are to the Salem Township Fire Department.

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Luther Dettmer

OSSIAN — Luther Amos Dettmer, 92, of Ossian died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at Golden Years Homestead.

Mr. Dettmer was born April 9, 1912, in Wells County to John and Ida Dettmer. He married Meta H. (Buuck) Dettmer on Oct. 22, 1932. She preceded him in death on Dec. 26, 2003.

He was president and district manager for the Uniondale and Mid-Indiana telephone companies, with headquarters in Ossian for 26 years. Prior to that, he was a contractor and farmer.

He served as head of the Ossian Lions Club and the Ossian Booster Club. He was active in many community activities. He served as president of the J.K. Johnson Chapter of Independent Telephone Association and District 2 of the Indiana Telephone Association. He also served as a Wells County Commissioner.

His daughter and son-in-law had a Lake James summer home, and Mr. Dettmer was a frequent visitor.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Alberta "Birdie" and Gene Melcher and Valera "Val" and Gene Evans, all of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and their spouses, Gary and Chris Melcher of Sheboygan, Wis., Julie and Rick Diermeier of Waunakee, Wis., and Joni Evans of Bozeman, Mont.; great-grandchildren, Joshua, Ryan and Jessica Melcher and Dane, Mary and Drew Diermeier.

He was also preceded in death by six brothers, Herman, Albert, Charles, Fred, William and Victor Dettmer; and five sisters, Annetta Springer, Ella Springer, Christine McCune, Lela Schmidt and Frieda Brueck.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home Ossian, and also one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Memorials are to St. Mark Lutheran Church and Worship for Shut-Ins.

Charles Mance

HUNTERTOWN — Memorial servies for Charles Mance of Huntertown, who died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004, will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Our Hope Lutheran Church in Huntertown.

Mr. Mance had been a longtime Huntertown resident.

He was a member of Our Hope Lutheran Church and a charter member of the Huntertown Lions Club and charter member of VFW Post 11314.

Mr. Mance was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Naomi; two daughters, Margaret of Kendallville and Nancy of Crestline, Ohio; two sisters, Pearl Jurgen of San Jose, Calif., and Margaret Larson of Key Largo, Fla.; a grandson, Dereck, of Columbus, Ohio; a niece, Leona Bracht; and a nephew, Ed Hatch.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home of Indiana or to the Huntertown Lions Club.

E. Ross Holman

ANGOLA — E. Ross "Bob" Holman, 85, of Angola died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at home.

Mr. Holman was born May 3, 1919, in White County to Ray and Mary (Gilmore) Holman. He was married to Alice Collins on March 17, 1945, and she survives.

He started farming with his father in Butler, then moved to Angola, where he remained and farmed the rest of his life. He was a member of Babes in the Woods Camping Club, Alpha Farmers Club, and a life member of Farm Bureau. He was a former FHA loan advisor, and a member of the Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District. He drove a school bus for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 10 years.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin and Karen Holman of Lafayette, Rex and Karen Holman of Hamilton and Ralph and Colleen Holman and Jeff and Heather Holman, all of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and John Phillips of Waterloo and Susie and Eric Cary of Ligonier; two sisters, Kathryn David of Angola and Helen Harrington of Franklin, N.H.; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Holman; and a sister, Doris Hine.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Brian Carsten officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association of Cameron Hospice.

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Katie Miller

GOSHEN — Katie Stutzman Miller, 90, of Goshen died at 10:05 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at Greencroft Health Care in Goshen.

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker. Before moving to the Goshen-Middlebury area in 1964, she and her first husband raised their children on a farm in Milford where they also raised beef cattle, peppermint and corn.

She was a member of First Mennonite Church.

She was born June 26, 1914, in Newton County, Kan., to Joe and Katie (Schlabach) Yoder.

Three husbands preceded her in death — Raymond Stutzman, whom she married Feb. 5, 1929, in Nappanee; Mose Schrock, whom she married Aug. 27, 1966, in Middlebury; and Ora Miller whom she married Oct. 7, 1972, in Middlebury.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Viola and Ben Kaiser of Milford and Fern and Lowell Maust of Goshen; four sons and daughters-in-law, Edwin and Betty Stutzman of Kokomo, Eugene and Shirley Stutzman of Kendallville, Ralph and Marilyn Stutzman of Indianapolis, and Robert and Verna Stutzman of Cedar Hill, Texas; 16 grandchildren including Kim and Mark Shearer of Ligonier and Lyn and Lisa Stutzman of Topeka; 28 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Raymond Stutzman Jr.; three sisters, Nora Miller, Mattie Miller and Millie Bontrager; and six brothers, Henry, Harvey, Joe, Eli, Simon and Tobias Yoder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linford Martin and the Rev. Pamela Yoder officiating.

Burial will be in South Union Cemetery in Nappanee.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Gideon's International or the Elkhart County Hospice.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jack Barton

ALBION — Jack L. Barton, 67, of Albion died at 11 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at his home. He had been ill since April.

Mr. Barton had moved to Albion in 1974 from Albany.

He was employed by Teamsters No. 414 and 135 for more than 34 years. He had also served as a patrolman at the Chain O' Lakes campground for many years and been employed at Orr Cabinets in Albion for several years.

Mr. Barton enjoyed spending time with his dog, Igby, who was a great comfort to him during his illness. He also enjoyed refinishing furniture, woodworking and doing yard work.

He was born June 23, 1937, in Hartford City to Paul W. and Mary (Tighe) Barton. They are deceased. On Dec. 27, 1958, he married Lynette L. Bond. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and John Vickers of Auburn; a stepson and his wife, Ken and Rhonda Sisco of Albany; a stepdaughter Tina Frankenberg and her friend, Randy, of Fairborn, Ohio; two sisters, Paula Arnett of Santa Fe Springs, Calif., and Meg Ellis of Albany; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ron and Jan Barton of Oregon and Butch and Veretta Barton of Dunkirk; four stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Pastor James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

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Arthur Ellis

AUBURN — Arthur Ellis, 76, of Ashley and formerly of Kendallville, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Mr. Ellis was born to Arthur and Ethel (Deems) Ellis on Oct. 29, 1927, in Fort Wayne.

He married Mabel Marie Miller on Nov. 9, 1946.

He enjoyed C.B. and ham radios and reading science fiction.

He is survived by his wife; five daughters and two sons-in-law, Donna and David Koehlinger of Fort Wayne, Sharon Ellis of Fort Wayne, Beverly Lankford of Kendallville, Dianna and Claude Buss of Auburn, and Jeanine Bender of Pleasant Lake; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Nancy Ellis of Edon, Ohio, and Brian and Peggy Ellis of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Laura Frey of Corunna and Delphia Samis of Sulphur, Okla.; one brother and sister-in-law, Alvin and Thelma Ellis of Denver, Colo.; one half sister, Regina, and her spouse William Pogue of Auburn; 15 grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Carl Ellis; a daughter, Karen Sue Ellis; two sisters, Eunice and Dorothy; a son-in-law, Robert Lankford; and a niece, Cynthia Frey.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1901 E. Dowling St., Kendallville.

Arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Helen Mangona

LIGONIER — Helen L. Mangona, 81, of Ligonier died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mrs. Mangona had owned and operated Brookmill Corner Kitchen Restaurant in Fort Wayne. She had lived in the Ligonier area since 1993.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and its Rosary Sodality. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and traveling.

She was born April 13, 1923, in Winchester to Walter and Nancy (Gultice) Weaver. On July 27, 1946, in Fort Wayne, she married Anthony Joseph Mangona. He died in 1972.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Donna Mangona of Ligonier and Anthony and Janet Mangona of Marion, N.C.; a brother and sister-in-law, Willard and June Weaver of Union City, Ohio; three grandchildren, Richard W. Mangona, Chelsi Ann Strieby and Kimberly Dawn Garrison; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Alan Weaver; four sisters, Pauline Weir, Ruth Fuller, Mary Crawford and Velma Weaver; and a grandson, Joseph Lee Mangona.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Father Babisino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

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Jesslynn Gallo

ALBION — Jesslynn Sue Gallo, daughter of Hector Manuel Gallo Jr. and Delisha Sue Roark of Albion, died shortly after birth Saturday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Surviving with her parents are maternal grandparents, Eddy and Terri Roark of Albion; paternal grandfather, Ralph Detwiler of Albion; maternal great-grandmother Dale Messer of Albion; and paternal great-grandmother, Betty Gray of Churubusco.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Ruby M. Bonar

Ruby M. Bonar, 73, a resident of rural LaOtto and wife of Paul F. Bonar, died at 5:20 a. m. Tuesday, September 14, 2004, at the family residence in Green Township. She had been in declining health for the past two years.

Mrs. Bonar was born on March 23, 1931 in Fort Wayne, a daughter of Dale T. and Sarah (Slater) Pomeroy, and spent her formative years there. On November 10, 1951 she was married in Churubusco to Paul F. Bonar. The couple spent the early years of their marriage at Blue Lake, and have lived at their present farm home east of Green Center since 1960.

As a young woman she was employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne, and worked for two years at Hooks Drugs in Churubusco. She had also worked at the former Green Center Store.

Mrs. Bonar was a member of the Green Center United Methodist Church.

The surviving relatives include her husband Paul F. Bonar, to whom she was married for over 52 years; two daughters and sons-in-law Debbie and Barry Gaff, and Linda and Michael Bixby, all of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law David and Betty Pomeroy of Mission, Texas; a sister and brother-in-law Bertha and Phil Roberson of Fort Wayne; as well as seven grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister Marie Jacobs.

Interment was in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, Columbia City.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at: sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com

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The family of Riley Applegate would like to thank all who expressed their sympathy in one way or another.

Chris & Angel Applegate & family
Jim & Juanita Applegate & family
Deb McClellan & family

Jack Barton

ALBION — Jack L. Barton, 67, of Albion died at 11 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, 2004.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

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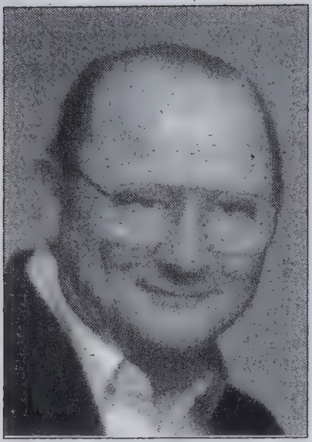

Kenneth H. Galligher

Kenneth H. Galligher, age 77, of Albion, IN died 1:55 pm Friday, September 17, 2004, in Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

He was born on October 24, 1926, in Allen County, IN to Kenneth Galligher and Marie Fox Galligher.

He married Eleanor Galbreath Galligher on March 4, 1946, in New Haven, IN. She survives him.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Church in Albion.

He retired as a welder/inspector for Dana Corp. in Ft. Wayne in 1986.

He enjoyed farming, raising cattle and high school sports.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years - Eleanor Galbreath Galligher of Albion

Five daughters - Judy & Stan Reed of Ft. Wayne, Linda (Messman) & Bill Mason of Monroeville, Karen & Jim Nuttle of Ft. Wayne, Barbara & Jim Molessa of Tucson, AZ, and Patricia & Denny Oswald of Ft. Wayne; three sons - Kenneth Galligher Jr of Albion, Michael & Chris Galligher of Albion, Steven & Doreen Galligher of Albion.

Three brothers - Don Galligher of Auburn, Jim Galligher of Monroeville, Greg Galligher of Monroeville; three sisters - Dorothy Michlec of Ft. Wayne, Gloria Bouse of Ft. Wayne, Phyllis Sheoph of Ft. Wayne.

Twenty-three grandchildren Nineteen great-grandchildren

Burial was at Highland Park Cemetery, Ft. Wayne.

Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am Tuesday, September 21, 2004 in St. John Bosco Church in Churubusco.

Memorial contributions can be made to Blessed Sacrament Church.

Ralph Koepka

AVILLA — Ralph H. Koepka, 92, of Avilla died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Koepka had lived in Avilla for three years. He was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. He was a car inspector on the B&O/C&O Railroad for 47 years, retiring in 1976.

He was born Dec. 12, 1911, in Garrett to Louis and Lisetta (Peters) Koepke. They preceded him in death. On Nov. 9, 1944, in Cleveland, Ohio, he married Margaret Felice. She died on Jan. 19, 1996.

Surviving are two sisters, Shirley Griffin of Auburn and Bernice Humbarger of Sebring, Fla.; a brother, Clarence Koepke of Cottonwood, Ariz.; four nieces and nephews and eight greatnieces and great-nephews.

Also preceding him in death was a brother, Robert Koepke.

Services were held Monday, September 20, 2004, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiated. Burial was in Corunna Cemetery.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

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Helen Ley

SYRACUSE — Helen Ley, 82, of Syracuse and formerly of Kendallville, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Mrs. Ley had been a Kendallville resident until 10 years ago when poor health forced her to lived in health care facilities in Avilla and Syracuse.

She had been a day care teacher at the Cole Center Family YMCA in Kendallville and had loved working with children.

Mrs. Ley was an avid reader and enjoyed playing cards and doing crossword puzzles.

She was born Aug. 11, 1922, in Albion to William and Juanita (Beckner) Grimes.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeff and Vicki Ley of Leesburg and Mark Ley Sr. of Grovertown; two daughters and a son-in-law, Anne Burns of North Webster and Cheryl and Bryan Anderson of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sisters, Dora Kelly of Hawaii and Nell Hipshire of Cromwell; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Mark Eastway officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Martha Evans

AUBURN — Martha E. Evans, 75, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at Smith Farms Manor in Auburn.

Born in Oklahoma City, Okla., she was a homemaker and a member of the Elks in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Terri and Robert Rosenbury of Auburn and Sheree Hendrix of Fort Wayne; two sons, Steve Evans of Auburn and James Hendrix of Fort Wayne; a brother, James Hooe of Oregon; and four grandchildren, Laura Evans, Molly Rosenbury, Melissa Hendrix and Michael Hendrix.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Jewel Cox, and a brother, William Hooe.

Services will be Friday at 6 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice.

Susanna Reyes

ANGOLA — Susanna Reyes, an infant, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at 9:30 p.m. in Parkview Hospital of Fort Wayne, where she was born that day.

She was the daughter of Jose and Maria (Anicua) Reyes of Angola. They survive.

Also surviving are her paternal grandparents, Santos and Maria Reyes of Angola, and maternal grandparents, Miguel and Elena Anicua of Mexico.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery at Angola.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Angola is handling arrangements.

Betty Osmun

FORT WAYNE — Betty J. Osmun, 71, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Osmun was a child-care provider for 27 years and a member of Moeller Road Wesleyan Church.

She was born in Lansing, W. Va., to Nona Bickford-Wood-Hawkins and Clifford R. Wood.

Surviving are a daughter, Trina K. Drew of New Haven; two sons, Todd A. of Fort Wayne and Fred M. Osmun Jr. of Owasso, Okla.; three sisters, Lillian J. Kropp of Wolcottville, Delores I. Violet of Springfield, Ohio, and Linda K. Hawkins of Hebron; a brother, Thomas E. Hawkins of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother, Alva Howkinds; 10 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred M.; two brothers, E. Ray Hawkins and Clifford Eugene Wood; and a sister, Della Wood Lauer.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Moeller Road Wesleyan Church, 7722 Moeller Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, and Friday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Moeller Road Wesleyan Church or the American Cancer Society.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct information provided to the newspaper.*

Arthur Ellis

AUBURN — Arthur Ellis, 76, of Ashley and formerly of Kendallville, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Mr. Ellis was born to Arthur and Ethel (Deems) Ellis on Oct. 29, 1927, in Fort Wayne.

He married Mabel Marie Miller on Nov. 9, 1946.

He enjoyed C.B. and ham radios, working on cars, reading and science fiction.

He is survived by his wife; five daughters and two sons-in-law, Donna and David Koehlinger of Fort Wayne, Sharon Ellis of Fort Wayne, Beverly Lankford of Kendallville, Dianna and Claude Buss of Auburn, and Jeanine Bender of Pleasant Lake; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Nancy Ellis of Edon, Ohio, and Brian and Peggy Ellis of Pleasant Lake; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Laura and William Frey of Corunna and Delphia and John Samis of Sulphur, Okla.; one brother and sister-in-law, Alvin and Thelma Ellis of Denver, Colo.; one half-sister, Regina, and her spouse Billy Pogue of Auburn; 15 grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Carl Ellis; a daughter, Karen Sue Ellis; two sisters, Eunice and Dorothy; a son-in-law, Ronald Lankford; and a niece, Cynthia Frey.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1901 E. Dowling St., Kendallville, President Jeff Murphy officiating.

Burial will be in Trinity Cemetery, Hudson.

Arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Jimmie Sattison

WATERLOO — Jimmie Lee Sattison, 72, of Waterloo died Tuesday evening, Sept. 21, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Sattison

Mr. Sattison was the owner of Sattison Refrigeration of Waterloo for 45 years, retiring in 1999.

He served as a corporal in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a lifetime member of the National American Legion, the Garrett post of American Legion, the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Korean War Veterans Chapter 1 of Indiana.

He also was a lifetime member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Experimental Aircraft Association and the Shifters Car Club of Auburn.

He was born April 6, 1932, in Wilmington Township of DeKalb County to Clayton and Lula Mae (Albright) Sattison. They preceded him in death.

He married Mavis Dee Roberts on Feb. 3, 1952, in Pleasant Lake. She died April 2, 1996.

He married Phyllis Keneubuhler on Dec. 21, 1996, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kaylee Sattison Witt of Ashley; two sons and daughters-in-law, Marty and Mary Jo Sattison of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Mark and Lori Sattison of Corunna; a stepson, Rocky Sattison of Waterloo; two brothers, Albert Sattison of Churubusco and Clayton Sattison Jr. of Hamilton; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Ellen Foss

FORT WAYNE — Ellen B. Foss, 91, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at Bethlehem Woods Rehab Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Foss was born in Fort Wayne. She had been a resident of Crooked Lake for the last 30 years.

She was a homemaker, member of the Fremont Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, was an avid golfer and enjoyed bowling.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Edward W. and Janet of Fort Wayne and John D. and Heather of Kent, Wash.; eight grandchildren, Edward, Kim, Scott, Roxanna, Laura, Sharice, Johnathon and Priscella; four great-grandchildren, Matthew, Gabriel, Rachel and Kyle; six stepgrandchildren; 14 step-great-grandchildren; and one step-great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Burdette "Bud" in 1987; and a grandson, Daniel.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Jehovah's Witness Hall, Southern Care Hospice or donor's choice.

Oda Baatz

AUBURN — Oda M. Baatz, 91, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare of Auburn.

Mrs. Baatz was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn.

She was born Sept. 30, 1912, in Wittenberg, Mo., to Otto and Lydia (Weinhold) Lueders.

She married Fred Baatz on Dec. 19, 1942. He died Oct. 28, 1978.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Earl and Betty Buchanan of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Wilma and Harry Brumbaugh of Auburn; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Arthur Buchanan Jr.; and three brothers, Hilmer Lueders, Herold Lueders and the Rev. Alfred Lueders.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Hour Radio Program or Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn.

THE ADVANCED LEADER
September 23 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

Funeral services set for Bob Kidd

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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LIGONIER — Funeral services are Friday for Robert "Bob" Kidd, the retired marshmallow maker who is being remembered this week by his many friends and family members.

The Kidd family name is synonymous with the marshmallow industry in Noble County, but Bob Kidd was known as more than a successful businessmen following his death earlier this week in Florida.

Mr. Kidd, 84, who died Sunday in Naples, Fla., was a man of many talents and a friend to many, according to those who knew him.

He had moved to Florida earlier this year on a permanent basis after wintering there for several years. He waged a brief battle with cancer before his death.

"He was a fantastic individual, a true Renaissance man," said David Laird, a family friend. "Bob was a very sensitive man, and very aware of people and their feelings and was always there to help. I enjoyed every moment that I was around him and his wife, Annie."

Mr. Kidd lost his wife, Annabelle, about two years ago.

Mr. Kidd was one of three generations of his family to operate the Kidd and Co. marshmallow plant in Ligonier. His father, George W. Kidd, brought the company to Noble County in 1946. After his father retired, Bob Kidd ran the factory for many years, building it into one of the nation's largest producers of marshmallows. Kidd's sons Charles, Chris and John took over the business after he retired.

Under Bob Kidd's leadership the company flourished from a regional producer to a major player on the national level of marshmallow marketing and producing. To keep up with demand, the company opened a second factory in Nevada.

In 1996 the Ligonier company was sold to a conglomerate, Favorite Brands International.

Bob Kidd the businessman was balanced by Bob Kidd the artist and friend. He was well known, for example, for carving intricate writing pens that he gave to friends and family members. Most people remember him as having an uncountable number of friends.

"He was a very special person to me," commented Tom Janes, owner of Charger House restaurant in Ligonier where Kidd could be found almost every morning. "I've known him all my life — we had a lot of interesting times and a lot of good conversations; we had a neat relationship."

He was an active member of the Ligonier community. He held memberships in the West Noble American Legion, Ligonier Elks Club and the Ligonier Rotary Club. He served on the board of the Ligonier Library and was a member of the Private Label Manufacturers Association.

Mr. Kidd was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church.

He was an avid golfer, an accomplished artist and a pen maker. He enjoyed collecting antiques and stamps. He played with the group the Tune Butchers.

Mr. Kidd was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and lived in the Ligonier area since 1946.

He was born May 23, 1920, in Chicago to George W. and Grace (Janes) Kidd. In 1943, in Decatur, Ill., he married Annabelle Kunz. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Charles W. and Chloe Kidd of Ligonier, John R. and Christine Kidd of Las Vegas, Nev., and Christopher and Angie Kidd of Ligonier; three daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Greg Knepp of Ligonier, Julia and Kevin Fenner of Naperville, Ill., and Jan and Jim Boeglin of Bonita Springs, Fla.; 20 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh and the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today, Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Relay for Life.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home at Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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Katie Miller

GOSHEN — Katie Stutzman Miller, 90, of Goshen died at 10:05 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at Greencroft Health Care in Goshen.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker. Before moving to the Goshen-Middlebury area in 1964, she and her first husband raised their children on a farm in Milford where they also raised beef cattle, peppermint and corn.

She was a member of First Mennonite Church.

She was born June 26, 1914, in Newton County, Kan., to Joe and Katie (Schlabach) Yoder.

Three husbands preceded her in death — Raymond Stutzman, whom she married Feb. 5, 1929, in Nappanee; Mose Schrock, whom she married Aug. 27, 1966, in Middlebury; and Ora Miller whom she married Oct. 7, 1972, in Middlebury.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Viola and Ben Kaiser of Milford and Fern and Lowell Maust of Goshen; four sons and daughters-in-law, Edwin and Betty Stutzman of Kokomo, Eugene and Shirley Stutzman of Kendallville, Ralph and Marilyn Stutzman of Indianapolis, and Robert and Verna Stutzman of Cedar Hill, Texas; 16 grandchildren including Kim and Mark Shearer of Ligonier and Lyn and Lisa Stutzman of Topeka; 28 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Raymond Stutzman Jr.; three sisters, Nora Miller, Mattie Miller and Millie Bontrager; and six brothers, Henry, Harvey, Joe, Eli, Simon and Tobias Yoder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linford Martin and the Rev. Pamela Yoder officiating.

Burial will be in South Union Cemetery in Nappanee.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to Gideon's International or the Elkhart County Hospice.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Norma Hite

LIGONIER — Norma Hite, 89, of Ligonier died at 12:15 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at Avalon Village Health Care.

Mrs. Hite had been an operator for both the Ligonier and Topeka telephone companies.

A lifetime Ligonier resident, she and her husband enjoyed traveling, especially to the Wisconsin lakes area and to Frankenmuth, Mich.

She was born April 8, 1915, in Ligonier to Louis and Ruth (Todd) Levy. On Sept. 5, 1943, in Goshen she married Keith C. Hite. He survives.

Surviving are a brother, Jon Levy of Astoria, Ore.

She was preceded in death by two infant children; a brother, Virgil Levy; and a sister, Elizabeth Antonides.

Services were Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Helen Ley

SYRACUSE — Helen Ley, 82, of Syracuse and formerly of Kendallville, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Mrs. Ley had been a Kendallville resident until 10 years ago when poor health forced her to lived in health care facilities in Avilla and Syracuse.

She had been a day care teacher at the Cole Center Family YMCA in Kendallville and had loved working with children.

Mrs. Ley was an avid reader and enjoyed playing cards and doing crossword puzzles.

She was born Aug. 11, 1922, in Albion to William and Juanita (Beckner) Grimes.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeff and Vicki Ley of Leesburg and Mark Ley Sr. of Grovertown; two daughters and a son-in-law, Anne Burns of North Webster and Cheryl and Bryan Anderson of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sisters, Dora Kelly of Hawaii and Nell Hipshire of Cromwell; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Services were this morning Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Mark Eastway officiating. Burial was in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling was Wednesday at the funeral home.

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E. Ross Holman

ANGOLA — E. Ross "Bob" Holman, 85, of Angola died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at home.

Mr. Holman was born May 3, 1919, in White County to Ray and Mary (Gilmore) Holman. He was married to Alice Collins on March 17, 1945, and she survives.

He started farming with his father in Butler, then moved to Angola, where he remained and farmed the rest of his life. He was a member of Babes in the Woods Camping Club, Alpha Farmers Club, and a life member of Farm Bureau. He was a former FHA loan advisor, and a member of the Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District. He drove a school bus for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 10 years.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin and Karen Holman of Lafayette, Rex and Karen Holman of Hamilton and Ralph and Colleen Holman and Jeff and Heather Holman, all of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and John Phillips of Waterloo and Susie and Eric Cary of Ligonier; two sisters, Kathryn David of Angola and Helen Harrington of Franklin, N.H.; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Holman; and a sister, Doris Hine.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Brian Carsten officiating. Calling will be today, Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association of Cameron Hospice.

Helen Mangona

LIGONIER — Helen L. Mangona, 81, of Ligonier died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mrs. Mangona had owned and operated Brookmill Corner Kitchen Restaurant in Fort Wayne. She had lived in the Ligonier area since 1993.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and its Rosary Sodality. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and traveling.

She was born April 13, 1923, in Winchester to Walter and Nancy (Gultice) Weaver. On July 27, 1946, in Fort Wayne, she married Anthony Joseph Mangona. He died in 1972.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Donna Mangona of Ligonier and Anthony and Janet Mangona of Marion, N.C.; a brother and sister-in-law, Willard and June Weaver of Union City, Ohio; three grandchildren, Richard W. Mangona, Chelsi Ann Strieby and Kimberly Dawn Garrison; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Alan Weaver; four sisters, Pauline Weir, Ruth Fuller, Mary Crawford and Velma Weaver; and a grandson, Joseph Lee Mangona.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Father Babisino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

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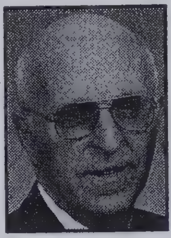
Clayton Stuver

COLUMBIA CITY — Clayton Wayne Stuver, 84, of Columbia City died at 10:20 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at his home. He had been in failing health.


Mr. Stuver

Mr. Stuver had lived in Noble County since 1939. Prior to that he had lived in North Dakota and Washington state where he helped build the Grand Coulee Dam.

He was a sales representative for Electrolux for 50 years.

He served in the U.S. Army in the 150th Field Artillery Battalion of the 38th Infantry Division during World War II. He was honorably discharged Nov. 7, 1945.

Mr. Stuver was a member of First Baptist Church where he served as deacon and trustee for many years.

He was born Nov. 3, 1919, in North Dakota to Arva and Emma (Pontzius) Stuver. On Jan. 31, 1947, he married Martha Jane Holycross. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Darwin Sievers of Fort Wayne. Elaine and James Faux of Pendleton and Valerie and Michael Miller of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Virginia Hunnicutt of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Oscar Stuver and George Stuver; and a sister, Marie Zink.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Jeffrey Harker of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church.

Craig Crothers

KENDALLVILLE — Craig R. Crothers, 49, of Kendallville died at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Crothers had suffered from muscular dystrophy since 1991 and was disabled.

He was a 1974 graduate of East Noble High School. He served in Vietnam in the U.S. Navy from 1974-1978.

Mr. Crothers was born May 9, 1955, in Kendallville to Norman and Joan E. (Trowbridge) Crothers. His parents survive in Kendallville.

On Dec. 7, 1980, in Kendallville he married Sandra Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Abigail Crothers of Lafayette and her fiance, R. Baron Bredel of Valparaiso; a brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Kim Crothers of Syracuse; a sister and brother-in-law, Cynthia and Robert Shippy of Fort Wayne; three nieces, Kathryn Shippy, Julie Crothers and Jennifer Crothers; and a nephew, R. Andrew Shippy.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating.

Burial with military graveside services by American Legion Post 86 will be at Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Because We Care, in care of the Noble County Community Foundation.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct a reporter's error.*

E. Ross Holman

ANGOLA — E. Ross "Bob" Holman, 85, of Angola died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at home.

Mr. Holman was born May 3, 1919, in White County, to Ray and Mary (Gilmore) Holman. He was married to Alice Collins on March 17, 1945, and she survives.

He started farming with his father in Butler, then moved to Angola, where he remained and farmed the rest of his life. He was a member of Babes in the Woods Camping Club, Alpha Farmers Club, and a life member of the Farm Bureau. He was a former FHA loan advisor, and a member of the soil conservation service. He drove a school bus for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 10 years.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin and Karen Holman of Lafayette, Rex and Karen Holman of Hamilton and Ralph and Colleen Holman and Jeff and Heather Holman, all of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and John Phillips of Waterloo and Susie and Eric Cary of Ligonier; two sisters, Kathryn David of Angola and Helen Harrington of Franklin, N.H.; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Holman; and a sister, Doris Hine.

Services were at 11 a.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Brian Carsten officiating. Calling was Thursday

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association or Cameron Hospice.

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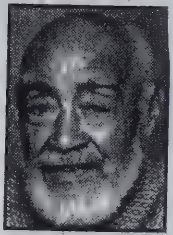
September 24 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Albert Pryor

FOX LAKE — Albert Lee Pryor, 97, a Fox Lake resident since 1946, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004.



Mr. Pryor

Mr. Pryor was born to Lee and Sallie (Scott) Pryor on Sept. 12, 1907. He began his life on an Army base, where his father was serving with the Buffalo Soldiers.

After his father left the Army, Mr. Pryor's family settled in Indianapolis, where he attended school. He graduated in 1925, and then moved to Chicago, where he attended college for one term and then began employment with the New York Central Railroad, most notably the 20th Century Limited, Penn Central and finally Amtrak. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, taking leave from the railroad until his discharge. He retired from railroading in 1972.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post No. 31 and Veteran of Foreign Wars Post No. 7205.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joy and Hal Parker of Angola; two grandsons and their wives, Don and Gwen Parker of Indianapolis and Alan and Vicki Parker of Angola; five great-grandchildren, Ceara, Jacob, Samara, Drew and Morgan; and two nieces, Beverly Glenn of Inglewood, Calif., and Hazelene Hines of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Hazelene Ashbrooke, to whom he was married for 39 years; a sister, Ruby Mitchel; his second wife, Mata Roy; a companion, Georgia Karr; and a great-grandson, Damon James Parker.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, with the Rev. Dave Carkenord officiating. Calling will be Monday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Angola, with a prayer service at 12:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

Martha Evans

AUBURN — Martha E. Evans, 75, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at Smith Farms Manor in Auburn.

Born in Oklahoma City, Okla., she was a homemaker and a member of the Elks in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Terri and Robert Rosenbury of Auburn and Sheree Hendrix of Fort Wayne; two sons, Steve Evans of Auburn and James Hendrix of Fort Wayne; a brother, James Hooe of Oregon; and four grandchildren, Laura Evans, Molly Rosenbury, Melissa Hendrix and Michael Hendrix.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jeffrey E. Evans; a sister, Jewel Cox; and a brother, William Hooe.

Services will be today at 6 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be today from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice.

THE NEWS SUN

September 24 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Norman Westrick

AUBURN — Norman F. Westrick, 76, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Westrick was a DeKalb County farmer for all of his adult life and worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 37 years, retiring in 1988. He also was employed at the Farm Bureau Co-op from 1948 to 1951.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1946 to 1948. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He was born Jan. 3, 1928, in DeKalb County to Herman William and Elenore (Dulle) Westrick.

On May 10, 1952, he married Patricia J. Dove. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike F. and Pam Westrick of Auburn and Steve A. and Teresa Westrick of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra K. and Max Miller of Waterloo; two brothers, Leo Westrick of Greensburg and Herman Westrick Jr. and his wife, Betty, of Wilmington, Ill.; a sister-in-law, Sharon Ridgeway of Bowling Green, Ohio; and six grandchildren, Scott J. Miller, Chad M. Westrick, Randy D. Miller, Mindy A. Westrick, Eric C. Westrick and Celsei M. Westrick.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lewis Westrick, and a sister-in-law, Roselyn Westrick.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn, with the Rev. Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemeterye.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

A rosary service will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice and the Diabetes Association.

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WN board member Martin dies

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WAWAKA — Dr. Timothy Martin, a veterinarian and member of the West Noble school board, died Friday.

Martin was in the middle of his first four-year term on the West Noble board.

Survivors include his wife, Janelle, and their three children, Emily, attending college in Columbus, Ohio; Amanda, a student at Notre Dame University; and Daniel, who attends West Noble High School.

Martin

Mr. Martin was employed by Frick Services, Wawaka. He was known for his strong support of West Noble athletic and academic endeavors, which led him to run for the school board.

Dave Speakman, superintendent of schools for West Noble, released a statement Friday afternoon on behalf of the West Noble school board.

"The West Noble school board was saddened to learn of the untimely death of board member Tim Martin," read the board statement. "Mr. Martin was a respected member of the board and served as the board's legislative representative. Tim was viewed as a caring person who always placed the interest of the students as his first priority. He was thoughtful in his decisions and comments. Tim was always willing to accept additional leadership responsibilities. His participation on the board will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Tim's family and friends."

Scott Pounds, school board president, commented, "We were more than a school board; we were family."

The board statement also read, "Members of the West Noble community are urged to build on the positive contributions that Tim has made to the West Noble community by continuing their support of and involvement with youth and their activities."

Funeral services and arrangements for Mr. Martin are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — A service for **Henry F. Morris** was held at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17. The Rev. Kevin Sneed officiated.

KENDALLVILLE — A service for **Lorraine Ann Weber** was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. The Revs. Mark Metz and Ken Weaver officiated. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were James Ratliff, Tom Starks, John Clifton, Max Trubey, Denny Post and Roger Diehm.

KENDALLVILLE — A service for **Jackie Lee Short** was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the House of Prayer Church in Kendallville. Pastor Emery Gibson officiated. Burial was at Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Christopher Short, Jered Thomas, William Short, Charles Short III, Michael Short and Brandon Kemplin. Hutchins Funeral Home of Wolcottville handled arrangements.

Bertha Daley

HUDSON — Bertha Daley, 68, of Hudson died Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Daley was a machine operator at Essex International for 10 years. She then worked in housekeeping at Miller's Merry Manor for 16 years, retiring in July 2001. She was a member of Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

She was born April 28, 1936, in Hollybusch, Ky., to Garland and Louhettie Slone. Her father preceded her in death, and her mother survives in Garrett.

She married Rulon H. Daley on Aug. 29, 1955, in Garrett, Ky., and he survives.

Also surviving are three son and a daughter-in-law, Larry D. Daley of Auburn, Ralph "David" Daley of Garrett and Leland R. and Angie Daley of Hamilton; three daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda K. and Randy Freeman of Auburn, Kathy S. and John Bolen of Hudson and Lisa and Scott Brown of Coldwater, Mich.; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Birchel and Norma Slone of Kendallville, Bethel Slone of Auburn, Ted and Karen Slone of Auburn and Barney and Amy Slone of Garrett; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Nola and Hershel Moore of Garrett, Ky., and Nancy and Bob Vanderpool of Auburn; 17 grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren and five great-grandchildren, with two more great-grandchildren on the way.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Linda Daley, and a brother, Emery "Jim" Slone.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

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Katharine Gunsett

VAN WERT, Ohio — Katharine Louise (Black) Gunsett, 85, of Van Wert, Ohio, died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at 5:10 a.m. (Indiana time) at her home.

Mrs. Gunsett was a homemaker. She was a member of the Van Wert First United Methodist Church, Van Wert Women's Club, TWIG IV, Daughters of the American Revolution, Order of the Eastern Star, Willow Bend Country Club, Van Wert Women's Garden Club and Van Wert American Red Cross.

She was a graduate of Van Wert High School and attended Giffin College in Van Wert.

She was born Oct. 17, 1918, in Van Wert to Mabel (Craft) and Walter Black.

On Nov. 14, 1942, she married Harry M. Gunsett. He died Feb. 19, 2002.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Linda Gunsett of Decatur and Daniel and Regina Gunsett of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen and Stephen Dibert of Lima, Ohio, and Kristen and Daniel Winn of Auburn; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Eugene Black; and a sister, Margaret Gilliland.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the First United Methodist Church, Van Wert, with the Rev. Paul Miller officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery of Van Wert.

Calling will be Monday from 8-10 a.m. (Indiana times) at the church.

Memorials are to North Carolina Aquariums, 2201 Fort Fisher Blvd., South Kure Beach, NC 28449.

Arrangements are by Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home of Van Wert. Send condolences to agfh@bright.net.

Zonna Newman

GOSHEN — Zonna I. Newman, 97, of Greencroft Nursing Center, Goshen, died at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at the nursing center.

Mrs. Newman worked at Wirk Garment Factory in Ligonier for 20 years before she retired in 1955.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Niles, Mich., and was a Pythian Sister.

She lived in Ligonier until 1956.

She was born on July 20, 1907, in Otsego, Mich., to David and Ida (Slocum) Davis.

She married Arthur W. Newman on July 28, 1925. He preceded her in death in 1990.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Davis and Mary Jane Newman of Niles, Mich., and Leon and Bonnie Newman of Milford; nine grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Marland Davis of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Preceding her in death are her husband, a daughter, Marva Houser; three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at noon today at Mishler-Eastland Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse. The Rev. Jim Bontrager will officiate. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Association.

Albert Trippel

PARKERSBURG, W. Va. — Albert W. Trippel, 93, of Parkersburg, W. Va., died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at Wyngate Senior Living Community in Parkersburg.

Born in Mishawaka, Mr. Trippel worked for the State of Indiana as its assistant state entomologist.

He graduated from Mishawaka High School in 1928 and from Purdue University with a bachelor of science degree in 1933 and a master's degree in 1935.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn.

He is survived by a son, Philip J. of Parkersburg; two daughters, Mary Susan Simler of Fort Wayne and Ann Elizabeth Falkner of New Bremen, Ohio; a sister, Frances Williams of Houston; two brothers, Joseph of Mishawaka and Richard of Houston; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Emily B. (Blanford) Trippel; two sisters, Margaret Williams and Mary Gorman; and three brothers, Victor, Carl and Fred Trippel.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Craig Crothers

KENDALLVILLE — Craig R. Crothers, 49, of Kendallville died at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Crothers had suffered from muscular dystrophy since 1991 and was disabled.

He was a 1974 graduate of East Noble High School. He served in active duty in the U.S. Navy from 1974-1978 and served in the Navy reserves from 1978-1991.

Mr. Crothers was born May 9, 1955, in Kendallville to Norman and Joan E. (Trowbridge) Crothers. His parents survive in Kendallville.

On Dec. 7, 1980, in Kendallville, he married Sandra Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Abigail Crothers of Lafayette and her fiance, R. Baron Brendel of Valparaiso; a brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Kim Crothers of Syracuse; a sister and brother-in-law, Cynthia and Robert Shippy of Fort Wayne; three nieces, Kathryn Shippy, Julie Crothers and Jennifer Crothers; and a nephew, R. Andrew Shippy.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating.

Burial with military graveside services by American Legion Post 86 will be at Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Because We Care, in care of the Noble County Community Foundation.

Faye Treesh

AUBURN — Faye Ann Treesh, 61, of Auburn died Thursday evening, Sept. 23, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Treesh was a homemaker.

She was born Feb. 22, 1943, in Wilson, N.C., to Ford and Dorothy (Howell) Winbourne. They preceded her in death.

She married Walter Treesh on Feb. 26, 1983, in Knightdale, N.C., and he survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Jack C. Winbourne of Garrett; a half-brother, J.D. Ferrell of Essex, Calif.; a half-sister, Bobby Jean Brandon of Wilson; and three aunts and an uncle, Almarene and David Bullock of Wilson, Magaline Temple of Wilson and Francis Peele of Bailey, N.C.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Merle Holden officiating.

Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery at Waynedale.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Caroljean Dillon

KENDALLVILLE — Caroljean M. Dillon, 70, of Kendallville died at 1:50 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Arrangements are pending with Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Evelyn Davis

PLYMOUTH — Evelyn J. Davis, 88, of Plymouth died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Plymouth.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Bob Trier of Kendallville and Teressa and Tom Wellborn of Argos; a sister, Annabell Miller of Tyner; and a brother, Albertus Drake of Florida.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial will be at New Oakhill Cemetery in Plymouth.

Calling will be Monday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church Elevator Fund.

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Frazier instilled values of family, love

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ANGOLA — After Wilma Frazier passed away, her great-grandson, Mason, thought he would be able to see her shoot up to heaven.

Instead, Mason and the rest of Mrs. Frazier's family watched as 88 balloons were released into the blue sky above Circle Hill Cemetery after her funeral, while her granddaughter, Anna, sang "Amazing Grace."

"(It was) the best visual we could give Mason," said Mrs. Frazier's daughter, Jody Hill.

Wilma May Frazier, 88, died on Sept. 12 after beating the odds and several health crises over the past five years. Those crises included breast cancer and a mastectomy, knee replacement, nasal surgery, a broken hip and a stroke.

"Our family has been so blessed," said Jody. "We have been blessed with many gifts. I really think the gift of laughter will be the most healing to each of us."

And that family was ample. In addition to Jody, Mrs. Frazier had six other children — Bill, Bruce, Barney, Donna, Jackie and JoAnn, as well as 28 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.

"There seems to be an era that my mother was a part of — people who grew up during the Depression, that we are quickly losing," said Mrs. Frazier's son, Bill Bryan. "My mother instilled upon us that you don't waste food, you're honest and fair, and you have a work ethic. My mother once said, 'the kids never went to bed hungry and they never went to bed dirty.' What a great thing for a mother to be able to say. My mother gave us the virtue of appreciation for what was really important."

One of those things, Bill recalled, was faith.

"We all got up on Sundays, got ready and went to church together," he said.

Having seven children, Jody said, sometimes made her mother forget who she was yelling at.

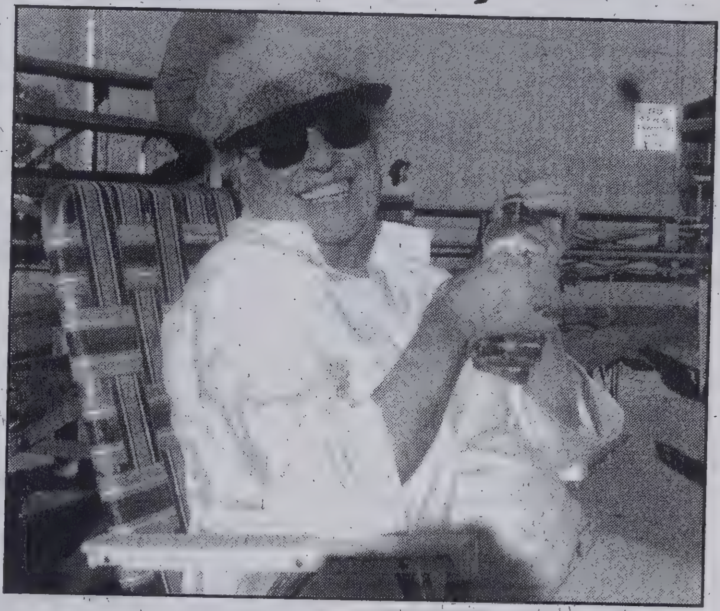
"Sometimes when Mother was frustrated, she would go through several names before she had the right one," Jody said. "We used to laugh at the frustration. I do not think it is funny anymore, because I do the same thing now with my children."

Bill said becoming an adult made him realize how good his childhood with his mother was.

"I had to grow up and move away from home to realize what I had," he said.

Bill said he was touched by how many of his old friends and how many old friends of his siblings turned out to pay their last respects to his mother.

"They would basically say, 'Boy, what a big time we had with your mom,'" he said with a smile in his voice. "People would come over to see us, but they were really there to see her family."



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Wilma Frazier was a frequent spectator and cheerleader at the sporting events her grandchildren and great-grandchildren participated in.

Bill said his mother was helpful, especially to young people, who she would take into her heart and home if they needed her.

"Jody's a lot like that," he said thoughtfully.

Something else her daughters inherited are Mrs. Frazier's culinary talents.

"The girls are all great cooks," he said.

One of Mrs. Frazier's favorite poems was "Footprints in the Sand."

"I was recently given words of encouragement from my cousin Ruth," Jody said. "It stated, 'Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same.' My mother left blessed footprints that will live on in the hearts of this family forever."

Bill remembered his mother as a fighter.

"She was drinking Margaritas on the Saturday before she died," he said. "The good Lord had to have slipped up behind her and snatched her, because if she'd have known He was coming, she probably would have wanted to fight with him about it."

Timothy Martin

WAWAKA — Timothy J. Martin, 48, of Wawaka died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, in Wawaka.

Mr. Martin

Mr. Martin had lived in the Wawaka area for 21 years. He was a veterinarian and was employed by Frick Services of Wawaka. He was serving on the West Noble Board of Education and had served on the West Noble Aids Advisory Council.

He was a member of the West Noble Athletic Boosters, St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier, St. Patrick's Parish Council, Noble County Pork Producer's Association, the Indiana Veterinarian Medical Association and the American Veterinarian Medical Association.

He was a 1974 graduate of Mater Dei High School in Evansville and received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and doctor of veterinarian medicine from Purdue University.

He enjoyed baseball and attending West Noble school events. He was a die-hard Chicago Cubs and Notre Dame fan. He especially loved his family and was always available to support his children's endeavors. His faithful dog, Beau, was near and dear to his heart.

He was born March 19, 1956, in Evansville to Francis and Mary (Elpers) Martin. They survive in Poseyville.

On June 16, 1979, in Wawaka, he married Janell Frick. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel Martin, at home; two daughters, Emily Martin of Columbus, Ohio, and Amanda Martin of South Bend; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Rita Martin of Poseyville, Paul and Candace Martin of Evansville and James and Denise Martin of Owensboro, Ky.; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Bill Pigman and Ann and Tim Bitter, all of Evansville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Martin.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier. The Rev. Babasino Fernandes will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. A rosary service will be Monday at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Tim Martin Academic Scholarship Fund or the West Noble Adult Athletic Booster Club.

Sandra Rose

AVILLA — Sandra Sue (Key) Rose, 51, of Avilla died Saturday at the Northeastern Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Velda Dunlap

LAGRANGE — Velda M. Dunlap, 89, of LaGrange died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at 7:29 p.m. at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Dunlap

Mrs. Dunlap moved to LaGrange County from Elkhart County in 1948. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of LaGrange. She also was a member of the church's Martha Circle.

She was born Feb. 9, 1915, in Elkhart County to Alonzo and Lola (Sparrow) Conrad. They preceded her in death.

On Aug. 10, 1934, in Goshen, she married John D. Dunlap. He died Oct. 14, 1991.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lola and Mervin Miller of LaGrange, Anne Chamness of LaGrange, and Jean and Thomas Carpenter of Leonidas, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, David A. and Julia Dunlap of Wolcottville, and Lonnie D. and Sue Dunlap of Hamilton; a sister, Evelyn Kitson of Sturgis, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a grandson, Sheldon Dunlap on June 23, 2000, and a sister, Treva Miller.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange. The Rev. Dexter Garman will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church of LaGrange.

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Judith Hubler

LAGRANGE — Judith A. Hubler, 68, of LaGrange, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mrs. Hubler moved from Hammond to LaGrange County in 1978. She worked for NIPSCO in Hammond. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary of Middlebury.

She was born Sept. 7, 1936, in Hammond to Patrick Coughlin and Helen (Etienne) Ehrlich. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Dyer.

On Oct. 22, 1955, in Hammond, she married Henry N. Hubler. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Emanuel Thompson of Highland and Mary Beth and Richard Harrington of Leander, Texas; two sisters, Diane Florey of Munster and Mary Jo Vera of Hammond; two brothers, John Coughlin of Dyer and Patrick Coughlin Jr. of Shawnee, Kan.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Gayle Marie Hubler on May 17, 1963.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the chapel at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Gary. The Rev. Lourdu Pasala will officiate. Burial will be in Ridgelawn Cemetery.

Calling will be 1-2 p.m. Thursday at the chapel at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Gary.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is handling the arrangements.

Memorials are to Knightstown Home Memorial Foundation Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home, 10892 N. S.R. 140, Knightstown, IN 46148.

Businessman killed in plane crash in Huntington

HUNTINGTON (AP) — An ultralight plane crashed into a northeastern Indiana highway Saturday, killing the pilot.

Clint Alan Glessner, 36, a Warren businessman, was trying to land the plane at a private landing strip near Huntington, about 25 miles southwest of Fort Wayne, according to the Huntington County Coroner's office.

Instead the plane crashed into the southbound lane of S.R. 9, and Glessner was pronounced dead at the scene, the coroner's office said.

Glessner owned Warren Furniture Works and was a past president of the Warren Chamber of Commerce in the town about 15 miles south of Huntington, the Chronicle-Tribune reported.

Catherine Ross

STURGIS, Mich. — Catherine Ross, 92, of Sturgis, died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at Sturgis Hospital following a six-day illness.

Mrs. Ross was born Feb. 5, 1912, in Bronson, to John and Mary (Czajkowski) Herman, and was a lifelong Bronson resident.

She married Sylvester Ross on Oct. 25, 1932, in St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Bronson. He preceded her in death on Nov. 22, 1983.

She had first worked at the former Bronson Reel Co., then at the former Douglas Manufacturing Co., and finally at the former L.A. Darling Co., retiring in 1959 after working for more than 20 years.

During the Korean conflict, she worked at the parachute factory in Union City, Mich., for five years.

She was a member of St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church and its Rosary Society. She was a volunteer for several years in Bronson for Meals on Wheels and enjoyed baking and crocheting, especially afghans.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Sally Kimbel and Delores and Arnold Sikorski, all of Bronson; Sylvia and Larry Johns of Coldwater, and Nancy and Colin Funk of Angola, Ind. ; a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Terry Ross of Bronson; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers and five sisters.

Services will be 10 a.m. Indiana time on Wednesday at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church with prayers before services at 9:30 a.m. at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson. Calling will be Tuesday at Kolcz Funeral Home from 2 to 8 p.m., where Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Mary's.

Mossie Rowe

AUBURN — Mossie Rowe, 83, of Auburn died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Rowe was a homemaker and a member of Jehovah's Witnesses in Auburn.

She was born June 18, 1921, in Pineville, Ky., to William H. and Nora (Golden) Mason.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Albert G. and Gloria Rowe of Pleasant Lake and John and Shalmar Rowe of Albion; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mossie E. and Ed Jennings of Columbus, Ohio, and Mary Ann and Roddy Warner of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Floyd Mason; two sisters, Pearl Heckathorn and Myrtle Stegleman; and one brother and sister who died as infants.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Charles Bowmar

GARRETT — Charles W. "Babe" Bowmar, 88, a former Garrett resident, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at 11:20 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Bowmar lived in Garrett before moving to Auburn 3 1/2 years ago. He was an engineer on the B&O Railroad for 41 years, retiring in 1981.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Eagles in Garrett.

He was born June 23, 1916, in Garrett, the son of Charles E. and Emma A. (Hiigli) Bowmar.

On Oct. 6, 1951, in Garrett, he married Helen L. Leeson. She preceded him in death Jan. 26, 2004.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Melinda Bowmar of Fort Wayne; a brother, Lawrence R. "Cotton" Bowmar of Auburn; and a sister, Doris Habig of Auburn.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Gerald J. Bowmar, and a sister, Dorothy Musselman.

Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and VFW.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Katherine Crance

FORT WAYNE — Katherine B. Crance, 74, of Columbia City died unexpectedly at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Crance

She recently moved to Columbia City from Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Crance was a press operator for 27 years at National Plastics Corp. in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 17, 1930, in DeKalb County to Arthur and Ruth (Hoover) Rowe.

She had spent most of her adult life in Fort Wayne. She was a 1948 graduate of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are six children and their spouses, Cynthia and Fred Ringler and Clifford and Jeanette Crance, all of Columbia City, Connie and Archie Zehr and Douglas D. Crance, all of Fort Wayne, Christopher and Jackie Crance of Grabill, and Harry Crance of Churubusco; six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Merriam Meyer and Iris Faurote, both of Fort Wayne, Janet and Shirley Miller of Angola, Pat and Bud Barr of Kendallville, Donna Seigal of Wawaka, and Darlene and Jim Howard of Mt. Washington, Ky.; a brother, Jack Rowe of Louisville, Ky.; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Ann Hammond; and two brothers, Jim Rose and Donald Hill.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in

Churubusco with the Rev. Rick VanHorn, pastor of Believer's Bible Fellowship, officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army, Goodwill Industries or St. Vincent dePaul Society.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Anne Mock

AUBURN — Anne Catherine Mock, 7 weeks old, of Auburn died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 6, 2004, in Auburn to Kevin and Theresa Mock of Auburn. They survive.

Also surviving are her brothers and sisters, Kevin Jr., Richard, Theresa, Amelia, Joseph, Germaine, Bernadette, Jacinta, Mary, Lucia, Seraphina, Michael and Sophia, all at home; and her grandparents, Robert and Doris Mock of Fort Wayne and Mary Cuney of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's School of Avilla or Bishop Dwenger High School.

Dean LeMay

HUDSON — Dean W. LeMay, 80, of Hudson died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at home.

Mrs. LeMay was born in Ringling, Okla., on Oct. 20, 1923, to J.H. and Myrtle (Beaver) Levin.

She married Henry W. LeMay in 1943, and he died in 1970.

She was retired from Jamar Castings in Longview, Texas, where she had worked for 15 years.

She lived in rural Hudson for the past eight years, and was a member of the Chocktaw Indian tribe in Harrah, Okla.

She was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ.

Surviving are her mother, Myrtle Levin of Harrah; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Doug and Lorraine LeMay of Hudson and Don LeMay of Longview, Texas; a daughter, Linda Urtso LeMay of Melbourne, Fla.; a brother, Wayne Levin of Harrah; a sister, Maeola Berman of Harrah; grandchildren, Robbie and Ben Mauldin, Chris Wiesner, Jeremy Wiesner, Gabe Wiesner and Jacob and Jordan LeMay; stepgrandchildren, Alex and Trevor Delaney; and great-grandchildren Malen and Molly Mauldin and Skyler Wiesner.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Mike Booher officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Terrell, Texas.

Sandra Rose

AVILLA — Sandra Sue "Sandy" Rose, 51, of Avilla died at 5:46 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeastern Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rose

Mrs. Rose had taught school for 10 years at St. Mary's Catholic School in Avilla and for five years at Queen of Angels Catholic School in Fort Wayne.

She had lived in Avilla since 1977 and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Rose received her bachelor's degree from Indiana State University and her master's degree from Indiana University.

She was an avid shopper and reader, and enjoyed doing crafts.

Mrs. Rose was born Jan. 12, 1953, in Princeton to Thomas W. and Mildred (Hisker) Key. They are deceased.

On May 24, 1975, in Princeton, she married David M. Rose. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas L. and Sue Key of Fort Branch, Robert and Cindy Key of Evansville and Wayne and Mary Beth Hasselbrinck of Princeton.

Services will be at noon Thursday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Princeton with Father Bernie Etienne officiating.

Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Princeton.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with rosary service at 7:30 p.m. and from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday at Colvin Funeral Home in Princeton.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic School.

Larry Kline

ANGOLA — Larry James Kline, 46, of Angola died suddenly on Friday, Sept. 26, 2004, shortly after his admittance to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Kline was born May 27, 1958, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Lamar E. and Victoria (Stark) Kline. He was a 1977 graduate of Edon High School in Edon, Ohio, and was a longtime self-employed carpet layer.

Surviving are his parents in Edon; a sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl and Butch Coburn of Edon; two daughters, Danielle Kline of Sanford, Fla. and Chelsea Laree Kline of Indianapolis; a son, Timothy Michael James Kline of Indianapolis; his maternal grandmother, Arietta Stark-Bell of Edgerton, Ohio; and his paternal grandmother, Ethel Kline-James of Edon.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Cynthia Ann Kline; his paternal grandfather, Ralph Kline; and his maternal grandfather, Marcellus Stark.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. Indiana time at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, with the Rev. Eric Dailey officiating. Calling will be today from 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time and from 10 a.m. Indiana time until the time of the service on Tuesday.

Burial will be in Edon Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Edon United Methodist Church or donor's choice.

Condolences can be sent to Klinefamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Melvin Raber

TOPEKA — Melvin J. Raber, 92, of Topkea died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at the home of Joe Stutzman, where he was being cared for.

Mr. Raber had lived most of his life in LaGrange County and was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born May 4, 1912, in LaGrange County to Joseph and Annie (Bontrager) Raber. On Feb. 13, 1941, he married Susie C. Miller. She died in 1993.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mahlon M. and Freida Raber of Middlebury and Levi M. and Irene Raber of Wolcottville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Annie and Glen Lambright and Amanda and Milo Helmuth, all of Topeka, and Lydiann and Joe Stutzman of LaGrange; a sister, Lydia Yoder of Topeka; 35 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Mrs. Perry (Ada D.) Miller; four brothers, Noah, Levi, John and Jacob; and a sister, Susie.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Mike Helmuth residence at 6055 S. C.R. 900W, Topeka, with Bishop Wayne Miller and home ministers officiating.

Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery at Topeka.

Pallbearers will be Mervin P. Miller, Kenny Yoder, Wilbur Lehman, Junior Nisley, Richard Lambright and Jerry Fry.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Helmuth residence.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Florence Frey

MIDDLEBURY — Florence Thelma (Yoder) Frey, 90, of Middlebury died at 6:45 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Frey

Mrs. Frey was a homemaker and had worked as a nurses aide at Goshen General Hospital.

She was a longtime member of Forks Mennonite Church where she had taught Sunday school and Bible school and had served as a custodian for several years. She was active in singing groups, women's sewing circles and Bible study groups at the church.

Mrs. Frey was a 1932 graduate of Shipshewana High School.

She was born Dec. 17, 1913, in Middlebury to Ora E. and Orpha (Reed) Yoder. On Aug. 23, 1936, in Middlebury at their new home she married Rollin Frey. He died June 19, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Eugene Bontrager of Middlebury and Thelma and Galen Peters of Howe; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Clifford Frey of LaGrange and Richard and Marilyn (Hall) Frey of Middlebury; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Fern and Lester Ebersole of Sun City, Ariz., and Mabel and Russell Shriner of Wakarusa; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Nicholas Frey; a daughter-in-law, Wanda Frey; and three sisters, Ruth Miller, Margaret Ramer and Ethel Yoder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Forks Mennonite Church with her sons-in-law, the Rev. Eugene Bontrager and Galen Peters, officiating. Burial will be in Forest Grove Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to World Missionary Press or Gideon's International.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury was in charge of arrangements.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Anne Mock

AUBURN — Anne Catherine Mock, 7 weeks old, of Auburn died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 6, 2004, in Auburn.

Family members are her parents, Kevin and Theresa Mock of Auburn; her brothers and sisters, Kevin Jr., Richard, Theresa, Amelia, Joseph, Germaine, Bernadette, Jacinta, Mary, Lucia, Seraphina, Michael and Sophia, at home; and her grandparents, Robert and Doris Mock and Mary Cuney, all of Fort Wayne.

Services will be today at 1:30 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be today from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's School of Avilla or Bishop Dwenger High School.

Margaret Bledsoe

ANGOLA — Margaret Ann "Peg" Bledsoe, 74, of Angola died Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Bledsoe was born Oct. 1, 1929, in Bluffton, to Howard and Thelma (Hatfield) Fletter. She was married to Roy E. Bledsoe on Jan. 29, 1950, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 27, 2003.

Mrs. Bledsoe

She was the clerk-treasurer for the city of Angola for 16 years, retiring on Dec. 31, 1995. She had also been a business teacher at Hamilton High School.

She was a 50-year member of Angola Chapter No. 78 of the Order of the Eastern Star. She belonged to Psi Iota Xi Rho Chapter, and the Angola American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas J. and Anne M. and Donald W. Bledsoe, all of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean Marie and James Logan of Pullman, Wash., and Julie Ann and Van Carter of Lakeside Park, Ky.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Joseph Bledsoe; and a sister, Patricia McBride.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Velda Dunlap

LAGRANGE — Velda M. Dunlap, 89, of LaGrange died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at 7:29 p.m. at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Dunlap

Mrs. Dunlap moved to LaGrange County from Elkhart County in 1948. She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church of LaGrange. She also was a member of the church's Martha Circle.

She was born Feb. 9, 1915, in Elkhart County to Alonzo and Lola (Sparrow) Conrad. They preceded her in death.

On Aug. 10, 1934, in Goshen, she married John D. Dunlap. He died Oct. 14, 1991.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lola and Mervin Miller of LaGrange, Anne Chamness of LaGrange, and Jean and Thomas Carpenter of Leonidas, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, David A. and Julia Dunlap of Wolcottville, and Lonnie D. and Sue Dunlap of Hamilton; a sister, Evelyn Kitson of Sturgis, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a grandson, Sheldon Dunlap on June 23, 2000, three sisters, Treva Miller, Elenore Conrad and Nita Alfrey; and five brothers, Mirl, Lethan, Fredus, Trevlyn and Theodore Conrad.

Services were held today at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange. The Rev. Dexter Garman officiated. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church of LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange was in charge of arrangements.

This obituary is being rerun to correct information provided to the newspaper.

Dean LeMay

HUDSON — Dean W. LeMay, 80, of Hudson died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. LeMay was born in Ringling, Okla., on Oct. 20, 1923, to J.H. and Myrtle (Beaver) Levin. She married Henry M. LeMay in 1943, and he died in 1970.

She was retired from Jamar Castings in Longview, Texas, where she had worked for 15 years. She lived in rural Hudson for the past eight years, and was a member of the Chocktaw Indian tribe in Harrah, Okla. She was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ.

Surviving are her mother, Myrtle Lovin of Harrah; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Doug and Lorraine LeMay of Hudson and Don LeMay of Longview; a daughter, Linda Urtso LeMay of Melbourne, Fla.; a brother, Wayne Lovin of Harrah; a sister, Maeola Berman of Harrah; grandchildren, Robbie and Ben Mauldin, Chris Wiesner, Jeremy Wiesner, Gabe Wiesner and Jacob and Jordan LeMay; stepgrandchildren, Alex and Trevor Delaney; and great-grandchildren Malen and Molly Mauldin and Skyler Wiesner.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Mike Booher officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Terrell, Texas.

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Layel Haller

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Layel Richard Haller, 67, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at Harborside Healthcare in Defiance.

Mr. Haller traveled throughout the country as an owner/operator of Layel Haller Trucking. He also won many awards and honors for his customized truck.

He was a member of the Bryan Eagles and Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville. He was a 1954 graudate of Farmer High School.

Mr. Haller was born Oct. 18, 1936, in Milford Township near Hicksville to Richard and LaVera (Osmun) Haller. His mother survives in Hicksville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Carolyn Haller of Ney and Craig and Barb Haller of Fort Wayne, Ind.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Amy and Curt Custer of Garrett, Ind., and Lori and Dan Guerrero of Wabash, Ind.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carol and Nick Brown of Lafayette, Ind., and Barbara Haller of Hicksville; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Saturday, Oct. 9, at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) at Burr Funeral Home and Crematory, 225 E. High St., in Bryan.

There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to the family by e-mail from the condolence page at burrfh.com.

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Mossie Rowe

AUBURN — Mossie Rowe, 83, of Auburn died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Rowe was a homemaker and attended Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Auburn.

She was born June 18, 1921, in Pineville, Ky., to William H. and Nora (Golden) Mason.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Albert G. and Gloria Rowe of Pleasant Lake and John and Shalmar Rowe of Albion; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mossie E. and Ed Jennings of Columbus, Ohio, and Mary Ann and Roddy Werner of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Floyd Mason; two sisters, Pearl Heckathorn and Myrtle Stegleman; and one brother and sister who died as infants.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Dick Hankie of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses will officiate. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery.

Calling will be tonight from 6 to 8 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Donald Draper

ANGOLA — Donald R. Draper, 85, of Angola died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Draper was born July 14, 1919, in Fort Wayne, to William and Gena Draper. He was married to Wilma P. Hantz on Oct. 26, 1985, in Howe. She survives.

He was a supervisor for the Indiana Toll Road, retiring in 1981. He was a World War II Army veteran.

His hobbies included mowing lawns, sports, NASCAR and being an Indiana University fan.

Surviving are his wife, Wilma Waters Hantz of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia (Waters) and Santford Jolley of Coldwater, Mich.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Doris Waters of Indianapolis, Ed and Ann Waters of Fort Wayne and Dick and Pat Waters of Hamilton; three sisters, Josephene Schrock, Francis Lung and Grace Jenkot, all of LaGrange; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Kimberly Jolley Rubley officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the South Scott Cemetery Association.

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Richard Putnam

LAKE GEORGE — Richard H. “Dick” Putnam, 76, of the Michigan side of Lake George died Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Putnam

Mr. Putnam was born April 7, 1928, in Fort Wayne, to Edward C. and Aggie Putnam. He was married to Delores D. Jordan Putnam on Nov. 29, 1952. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a tool room and maintenance manager for General Electric for 34 years, retiring in 1988. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, Knights of Columbus, the Lake George Cottage Association and GE Retirees Club. He was an avid golfer, and his favorite pastime was playing the guitar.

Surviving are his wife, Dee (Jordan) Putnam of Lake George; three sons, Robert E. Putnam of Cherry Valley, Ill., Brett J. Putnam of Plainfield, Ill. and Bart J. Putnam of Coleman, Mich.; a sister, Mary Christle of Kissimmee, Fla.; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, William R. Putnam; a daughter, Brenda Jayne Putnam; three brothers, Robert Putnam (his twin), Gerald Putnam and Raymond Putnam; and a sister, Loretta Kelty.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and also an hour prior to services on Saturday. There will be a prayer service at the funeral home at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Mass Services or the Cancer Society.

Dale Machan

STURGIS, Mich. — Dale M. Machan, 85, of Sturgis died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo following a three-day illness.

Mr. Machan had moved to Sturgis in 1958 from LaGrange, Ind. He had also lived in Florida for 10 years. He retired in 1980 from Formed Tubes after 39 years of service. Mr. Machan was a 1937 graduate of LaGrange High School. He served in the U.S. Army in Japan during World War II. He was a life member of the Wing Dingers radio controlled aircraft flying club. He was born Jan. 11, 1919, in LaGrange County to Arthur and Mabel (Lovell) Machan. On Feb. 5, 1938, he married Shirley Johnson. She died March 11, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Margaret and Phil Long and Marge and Robert Wright, all of Sturgis; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Kelly Machan of Sturgis; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Paul, Charles and Ralph Machan; and two sisters, Myrtle Heimert and Irene Ryan.

Services will be at 12:30 p.m. Indiana time Friday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home in Sturgis. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Indiana time Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Alta Bender

ALBION — Alta Lucinda Bender, 90, of Albion died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Bender

She was born March 2, 1914, in Albion to Joseph and Emma (Eagleson) McMichael. She married Donald R. Bender on Oct. 14, 1948, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Sept. 11, 2003. Mrs. Bender was retired from Lyall Electric in Cromwell. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge No. 2455 of Albion, American Legion Auxiliary No. 246 of Albion, and she enjoyed fishing and traveling.

Surviving are a son, Clarence “Jr.” Bender of Albion; a sister, Lena Mounsey of Richland, Mich.; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Ellen Bender; a son, William Bender; six brothers, Raymond, Otis, Ivan, Chauncey, Frankie and Francis; and a grandchild.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the charity of the donor’s

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Ada Beggs

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ada Belle Beggs, 84, died Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Beggs was born Dec. 21, 1919, in Angola, to Floyd and Irma Crone. She graduated from Scott Center School and received her registered nursing degree from Ravenswood Hospital in Chicago.

She served as a nurse in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Surviving are three children and their spouses, James Sibert of Westerville, Ohio, Helen and Dan Norton of Santa Ana, Calif., and Thomas and Dana Sibert of Columbus; five grandchildren and their spouses, Eric and Beth Sibert, Pamela and Barry Hooker, Lisa Sibert, Neil Sibert, and Alix Norton; four great-grandchildren, Hayley, Hannah, and Samuel Sibert and Kobe Hooker; four siblings and their spouses Don Crone, Clela O'Malley, Ina Brockreide and Grace and Gene White; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, George H. Sibert and William H. Beggs; and a brother, John Crone.

Memorial services will be at 9 a.m. Indiana time Friday at Schoedinger East Chapel, Columbus. Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time.

Memorials are to Mount Carmel Hospice, 793 W. State St., Columbus, OH 43222-9988.

Caroljean Dillon

KENDALLVILLE — Caroljean M. Dillon, 70, of Kendallville died at 1:50 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where she had been a patient one week.

She had resided at Kendallville Manor. Mrs. Dillon had been a homemaker. She was born Dec. 9, 1933, in Rome, Ohio, to Harry and Mable (Pewter) Shaw. In 1955 in Fostoria, Ohio, she married Duane Dillon. He died April 29, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Scott Ogg of Kendallville and Holly and Larry Goble of Garrett; a son, Roger Dillon of Kendallville; eight brothers and sisters; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the donor's choice. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Timothy Martin

WAWAKA — Timothy J. Martin, 48, of Wawaka died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, in Wawaka.

Mr. Martin had lived in the Wawaka area for 21 years. He was a veterinarian and was employed by Frick Services of Wawaka. He was serving on the West Noble Board of Education and had served on the West Noble Aids Advisory Council.

He was a member of the West Noble Athletic Boosters, St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier, St. Patrick's Parish Council, Noble County Pork Producer's Association, the Indiana Veterinarian Medical Association and the American Veterinarian Medical Association.

He was a 1974 graduate of Mater Dei High School in Evansville and received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and doctor of veterinarian medicine from Purdue University.

Mr. Martin enjoyed baseball and attending West Noble school events. He was a die-hard Chicago Cubs and Notre Dame fan. He especially loved his family and was always available to support his children's endeavors. His faithful dog, Beau, was near and dear to his heart.

He was born March 19, 1956, in Evansville to Francis and Mary (Elpers) Martin. They survive in Poseyville.

On June 16, 1979, in Wawaka, he married Janell Frick. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel Martin, at home; two daughters, Emily Martin of Columbus, Ohio, and Amanda Martin of South Bend; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Rita Martin of Poseyville, Paul and Candace Martin of Evansville and James and Denise Martin of Owensboro, Ky.; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Bill Pigman and Ann and Tim Bitter, all of Evansville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Martin.

Services were held Tuesday, September 28, 2004, in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier. The Rev. Babasino Fernandes officiated. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Tim Martin Academic Scholarship Fund or the West Noble Adult Athletic Booster Club.

Alta Lucinda Bender

Alta Lucinda Bender, age 90, of Albion, IN died at 5:30 AM Tuesday, September 28, 2004, in her residence.

She was born March 2, 1914, in Albion to Joseph McMichael and Emma Eagleson McMichael.

She married Donald R. Bender on October 14, 1948, in Angola, IN. He preceded her in death on September 11, 2003.

She was retired from Lyall Electric in Cromwell.

She was a member of the Eagles Lodge #2455 of Albion, American Legion Auxiliary #246 of Albion, and she enjoyed fishing and traveling.

She is survived by one son - Clarence "Jr" Bender of Albion; one sister - Lena Mounsey of Richland, Michigan; five grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter - Ellen Bender, one son - William Bender, six brothers - Raymond, Otis, Ivan, Chauncey, Frankie and Francis, and one grandchild.

Services will be at 9:30 AM Friday, October 1, 2004 at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier, with Rev Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 30, 2004, from 2:00 until 4:00 and 6:00 until 8:00 PM at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier.

Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of your choice.

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Clayton Stuver

COLUMBIA CITY — Clayton Wayne Stuver, 84, of Columbia City died at 10:20 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at his home. He had been in failing health.

Mr. Stuver had lived in Noble County since 1939. Prior to that he had lived in North Dakota and Washington state where he helped build the Grand Coulee Dam.

He was a sales representative for Electrolux for 50 years.

He served in the U.S. Army in the 150th Field Artillery Battalion of the 38th Infantry Division during World War II. He was honorably discharged Nov. 7, 1945.

Mr. Stuver was a member of First Baptist Church where he served as deacon and trustee for many years.

He was born Nov. 3, 1919, in North Dakota to Arva and Emma (Pontzius) Stuver. On Jan. 31, 1947, he married Martha Jane Holycross. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Darwin Sievers of Fort Wayne. Elaine and James Faux of Pendleton and Valerie and Michael Miller of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Virginia Hunnicutt of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Oscar Stuver and George Stuver; and a sister, Marie Zink.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Jeffrey Harker of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Nolt Cemetery.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church.

Sandra Rose

AVILLA — Sandra "Sandy" Sue Rose, 50, died Saturday, September 25, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeastern Indiana in Fort Wayne.

She was born January 12, 1953, in Princeton, Indiana to Thomas W. and Mildred (Hisker) Key.

On May 24, 1975, in Princeton, IN, she was married to David M. Rose. He survives in Avilla.

Coming to Avilla in 1977, Mrs. Rose had taught school for 10 years at St. Mary's Catholic school in Avilla and 5 years at Queen of Angels Catholic School in Fort Wayne. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She received her BA degree from ISU and her Master's degree from IU. She was an avid shopper, reader and craftsperson.

In addition to her husband David, she is also survived by three brothers, Thomas L. (Sue) Key of Ft. Branch, IN, Robert (Cindy) Key of Evansville, and Wayne (Mary Beth) Hasselbrinck of Princeton, IN.

Services were held Thursday, September 30, 2004, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Princeton, with Father Bernie Etienne officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Princeton.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic School.

Jack Barton

ALBION — Jack L. Barton, 67, of Albion died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at his home. He had been ill since April.

Mr. Barton had moved to Albion in 1974 from Albany.

He was employed by Teamsters No. 414 and 135 for more than 34 years. He had also served as a patrolman at the Chain O' Lakes campground for many years and had been employed at Orr Cabinets in Albion for several years.

Mr. Barton enjoyed spending time with his dog, Igby, who was a great comfort to him during his illness. He also enjoyed refinishing furniture, woodworking and doing yard work.

He was born June 23, 1937, in Hartford City to Paul W. and Mary (Tighe) Barton. They are deceased. On Dec. 27, 1958, he married Lynette L. Bond. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and John Vickers of Auburn; a stepson and his wife, Ken and Rhonda Sisco of Albany; a stepdaughter Tina Frankenberg and her friend, Randy, of Fairborn, Ohio; two sisters, Paula Arnett of Santa Fe Spring, Calif., and Meg Ellis of Albany; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ron and Jan Barton of Oregon and Butch and Veretta Barton of Dunkirk; four stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Pastor James Archambeault officiating. Burial was private.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

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Kenneth Mitchner

ST. JOSEPH—Kenneth S. Mitchener, 86 of St. Joseph, MI. joined his heavenly family on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004.

A visitation will be held Thursday, September 30 at 5:00-6:30 P.M., at the First Church of the Nazarene, 3351 Niles Road, St. Joseph. A memorial service will follow at 6:30 P.M.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2 in Fairmount, Ind. Viewing will be 10:00A.M.-12:00 P.M. Saturday, at the Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, 415 S. Main, followed by a funeral service at the Wesleyan Church, 3rd and Walnut, at 1:00P.M. Burial will follow at the Park Cemetery in Fairmount.

Kenneth was born September 5, 1918, in Jennings County, Ind. to Grover and Hazel (Reed) Mitchener. On June 3, 1938, he married Mary L. Lake who preceded him in death on October 25, 1984. On January 30, 1987, he married Carol Helwig who survives him.

Ken served many years as pastor for Wesleyan churches in Lebanon, Tipton and Albion Indiana (1955-1964). In his later years, he enjoyed watching the Yankees and Cubs on television, visiting with family and friends and going to church. He also enjoyed tending his lawn and garden as well as making dollhouses and ceramics, which he usually gave to family.

In addition to his wife Carol, also surviving are: a son K. David (Tamara) Mitchener of Hamilton, Oh; a daughter Cheryl (Paul) Barry of St. Joseph; a stepdaughter Victoria (Rodney) Brown of Watervliet; grandchildren Kelly Edwards, Jessica (Scott) Frost and John (Lori) Mitchener all of Houston, Tex; three step grandchildren Clayton, Benjamin and Joshua; three great grandchildren, Victoria, Cade and Mary-Margaret; his brother Gib (Thelma) Mitchener; his sister Marie Morgan and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and first wife Mary, Ken was preceded in death by three brothers, Deb, Dutch and Abe Mitchener; a sister, Lillian Holloway.

Mossie Rowe

AUBURN — Mossie Rowe, 83, of Auburn died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Rowe was a homemaker and a member of Jehovah's Witnesses in Auburn.

She was born June 18, 1921, in Pineville, Ky., to William H. and Nora (Golden) Mason.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Albert G. and Gloria Rowe of Pleasant Lake and John and Shalmar Rowe of Albion; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mossie E. and Ed Jennings of Columbus, Ohio, and Mary Ann and Roddy Warner of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Floyd Mason; two sisters, Pearl Heckathorn and Myrtle Stegleman; and one brother and sister who died as infants.

Services were held Wednesday, September 29, 2004, in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Burial was in Sedan Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct errors and include additional information.*

Richard Putnam

LAKE GEORGE — Richard H. "Dick" Putnam, 76, of the Michigan side of Lake George, died Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Putnam

Mr. Putnam was born April 7, 1928, in Fort Wayne, to Edward C. and Aggie Putnam. He was married to Dee (Jordan) Putnam on Nov. 29, 1952. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a tool room and maintenance manager for General Electric for 34 years, retiring in 1988. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, Knights of Columbus, the Lake George Cottage Association and GE Retirees Club. He was an avid golfer, and one of his favorite pastimes was playing the guitar.

Surviving are his wife, Dee (Jordan) Putnam of Lake George; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Bob Putnam of Cherry Valley, Ill., Brett J. and Susan Putnam of Plainfield, Ill. and Bart J. and Julie Putnam of Coleman, Mich.; a sister, Mary Christle of Kissimmee, Fla.; and nine grandchildren, Jessie, Steven, Pammi, Hannah, Richie, Chris, John, Sarah and Thaddeus.

He was preceded in death by a son, William R. Putnam; a daughter, Brenda Jayne Putnam; three brothers, Robert Putnam (his twin), Gerald Putnam and Raymond Putnam; and a sister, Loretta Kelty.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola and also an hour prior to services on Saturday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. There will be a prayer service at the funeral home at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Mass Services or the Cancer Society.

Darline Bartlett

ANGOLA — Darline Bartlett, 58, of Angola, died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at Evanston Northwest Healthcare Hospital in Evanston, Ill.

Mrs. Bartlett was born Nov. 20, 1945, in Fort Wayne, to Lawrence Edward White and Ellen May (Petre) Brigle. She was married to Ronald Bartlett on Dec. 26, 1965, and he survives. She was a librarian's aide at Hendry Park Elementary School in Angola, retiring in May, 2003. She was a member of the Hamilton Wesleyan Church and Moms on the Move.

Also surviving are her mother, Ellen May Brigle of Longwood, Fla.; two daughters, Tina Bartlett and Melody Wegesin, both of Angola; and four grandchildren, R.B. Wegesin, Haven Nicole Wegesin, Maxavier Edward Wegesin and Paisley Elise Wegesin, all of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence Edward White.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola, with the Rev. David Leitzel officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Thurlo Gaff

LAOTTO — Thurlo S. "Frog" Gaff, 87, of LaOtto died at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, in Auburn.

Mr. Gaff had spent most of his life in the LaOtto area and worked in welding and painting for LaOtto Fabricating for 23 years. He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Mr. Gaff was born Nov. 4, 1916, in Churubusco to Thomas and Maude (Bennett) Gaff. On Sept. 25, 1938, in Fort Wayne, he married Betty Myers. She died May 15, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Louise and Herb Rennecker of Defiance, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Sam and Sandy Gaff of LaOtto; three sisters, Mary Gray and Shirley Stamp, both of Churubusco, and Barbara Lietch of Iowa; four brothers, Roger Gaff of Nappanee, John Gaff of Columbia City, Ray Gaff of Muncie and Jake Gaff of Huntertown; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Carl Gaff; and three sisters, Ilene Gordon, Neva Fulk and Willodean Kirkpatrick.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be in Perry Township Cemetery in Huntertown. Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church.

Garnet Haire

FORT WAYNE — Garnet L. Haire, 89, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

A native of Harlan, Mrs. Haire was a homemaker. She enjoyed gardening and flowers.

Surviving are two sons, Richard E. Haire Sr. of Wolcottville and Gary L. Haire of North Port, Fla.; a daughter, Linda S. Allen of Huntertown; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene C. Haire; five brothers; and four sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens. Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Clifford Becker

ANGOLA — Clifford John "Cliff" Becker, 57, of Angola and formerly of Long Beach, Calif., died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at Visiting Nurse Services and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Becker was born April 29, 1947, in Berea, Ohio, to John C. and Evelyn F. "Evy" Becker.

Surviving are his father, John C. "Jack" Becker of Angola; a brother, Kenneth Becker of Matril, Kan.; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Randy Tanner of Angola; a nephew, Brandon Tanner of Angola; two nieces, Shannon Cosby and Kim Myers, both of Angola; two great-nephews and two great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

No services or calling will be held. Arrangements are being handled by the Northeast Indiana Cremation Society of Fort Wayne.

Debra Sprau

Skyler Sprau

Destiny Sprau

FORT WAYNE — Debra Lynne Teeple Sprau, 23, of Fort Wayne, her son, Skyler Zane Sprau, 3, and her daughter, Destiny Ryan Sprau, 9 months, died Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, in a house fire in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sprau will be remembered as a loving wife, daughter, sister and granddaughter and as a wonderful mother. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Sprau was a native of Kendallville.

Surviving Mrs. Sprau are her husband, Randy D. Sprau of Fort Wayne; her parents, Jeffrey Sr. and Connie A. Teeple of LaOtto; her twin brother, Jeffey L. Teeple Jr. of Kendallville; her sister, Nicole R. Teeple of LaOtto; and her grandmother, Vermadean Landez of Kendallville.

The children are survived by their father, Randy D. Sprau of Fort Wayne; their grandparents, Jeffrey Sr. and Connie A. Teeple of LaOtto and Rick Keith and Mary Jane Sprau of Las Cruzes, N.M.; and great-grandparents, Vermadean Landez of Kendallville and Angel and Carol Rojas of Coldwater, Mich.

Memorial services for Debbie, Skyler and Destiny will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Chapel, 5874 C.R. 427S.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the chapel. Memorials are to Tower Automotive, care of Dan Endsley, president of UAW Chapter 2345.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Carolyn Irish

BUTLER — Carolyn S. Irish, 59, of Butler died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at 3:30 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Irish was a homemaker. She was born Sept. 13, 1945, in Harriman, Tenn., to Carl and Lucy (Presley) Pencin.

She married Jimmey J. Irish on Aug. 30, 1986, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a two sons and a daughter-in-law, Greg W. Bell of Marion and Pat. A. and Jennifer Bell of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Angie and Gary Gower and Tammy and Randy Sonner, all of Butler; a sister, Norma Rhodes of Auburn; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Butler Cemetery.

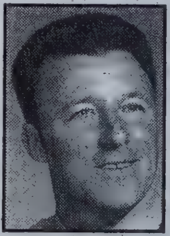
There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

Wilder Brudney

STROH — Wilder G. "Brud" Brudney, 77, of Stroh died Tuesday at IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Arragements are pending at Covington Memorial Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Brudney

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Doris Baker

HAMILTON — Doris Ruth Baker, 83, of Hamilton died early Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Baker worked as an LPN at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Carlin Park Nursing Home in Angola and Meadow Haven Nursing Home in Butler. She was a member of St. Peter's Church in Edon, Ohio, and a former member of the Eastern Star and Rebekahs of Hamilton.

She was born Nov. 17, 1920, to Dale Richard and Kattie Cecilia (Prowant) Bible.

She married Ralph Irvin Baker on April 25, 1943, in Cairo, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ronnie Baker of Edon, Ohio; a daughter, Mrs. Forest (Marilyn) Bodiker of Waterloo; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Jack (Mary Katherine) Bennett of Elida, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Case.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Oberlin Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton. The Rev. Donald Leckrone will officiate. Interment will follow at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Calling will be Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Estella Brueck

VENICE, Fla. — Estella L. Brueck, 91, of Venice died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004.

She was a native of Fort Wayne, moving to Florida in 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Rollie Vaughn of Venice and Sue and Donald Schlemmer of Spencerville; one brother, Donald Linker of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Martin, preceded her in death in 1984.

Services will be Saturday at 5 p.m. in the Martini Lutheran Church, 333 Moeller Road, New Haven, with calling one hour before the service. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Community of Hope Lutheran Church, 5560 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34233. E. Harper & Son Funeral Home of New Haven is handling arrangements.

THE ADVANCED LEADER
September 30 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

Community deals with loss of Tim Martin

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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WAWAKA — In a community such as the one Dr. Timothy Martin, DMV, lived, it's hard for grief to be contained.

This past week, shock, grief, sadness and questions emerged following the unexplainable death of Martin, a local veterinarian and member of the West Noble School Board.

He died this past Friday, leaving behind many family members and friends who now have a void in their lives.

Martin was in the middle of his first four-year term on the West Noble School Board, but he was much more than a school board member.

He was active in his community, in his church and with his children's educations.

He was a husband, son, father, brother, coach, volunteer, animal lover and sports fan.

And all of that makes it harder to understand why he is no longer with us.

Martin was known for his strong support of West Noble athletic and academic endeavors which led him to run for the school board. He was a champion of the youth baseball leagues in Wawaka and was always on hand for those kinds of special events that involved young people and athletics.

Dave Speakman, superintendent of schools for West Noble, released a statement Friday afternoon on behalf of the West Noble School Board.

"The West Noble School Board was saddened to learn of the untimely death of board member Tim Martin," read the board statement. "Mr. Martin was a respected member of the board and served as the Board's Legislative Representative. Tim was viewed as a caring person who always placed the interest of the students as his first priority. He was thoughtful in his decisions and comments. Tim was always willing to accept additional leadership responsibilities. His participation on the board will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Tim's family and friends."

Scott Pounds, school "board president, commented: "We were more than a school board; we were family."

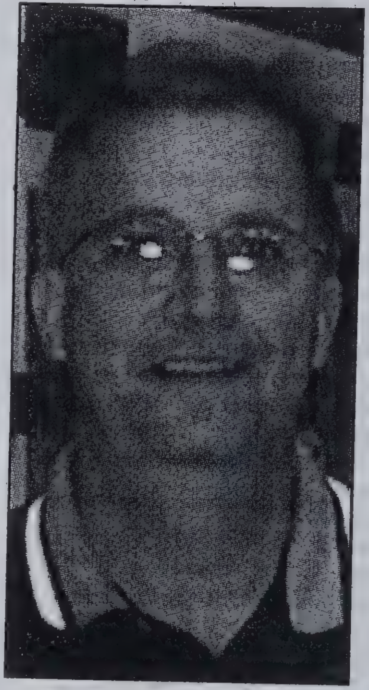
The board statement also read: "Members of the West Noble Community are urged to build on the positive contributions that Tim has made to the West Noble Community by continuing their support of and involvement with youth and their activities."

Visitation took place Monday and his funeral was held Tuesday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

Hundreds of mourners came to his visitation at the Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home where dozens and dozens of flowers and memorials could be found.

The West Noble School Board will now have to fill his seat. The replacement will have to come from Elkhart Township, which Martin represented on the board. The decision on who to appoint to his vacant seat is left up to the board to decide, by Indiana state law.

In the end, however, Tim Martin's death will leave an emotional void that is hard to fill, and sadly, harder to comprehend.



Tim Martin

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Timothy Martin

WAWAKA — Timothy J. Martin, 48, of Wawaka died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, in Wawaka.

Mr. Martin had lived in the Wawaka area for 21 years. He was a veterinarian and was employed by Frick Services of Wawaka. He was serving on the West Noble Board of Education and had served on the West Noble Aids Advisory Council.

He was a member of the West Noble Athletic Boosters, St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier, St. Patrick's Parish Council, Noble County Pork Producer's Association, the Indiana Veterinarian Medical Association and the American Veterinarian Medical Association.

He was a 1974 graduate of Mater Dei High School in Evansville and received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and doctor of veterinarian medicine from Purdue University.

He enjoyed baseball and attending West Noble school events. He was a die-hard Chicago Cubs and Notre Dame fan. He especially loved his family and was always available to support his children's endeavors. His faithful dog, Beau, was near and dear to his heart.

He was born March 19, 1956, in Evansville to Francis and Mary (Elpers) Martin. They survive in Poseyville.

On June 16, 1979, in Wawaka, he married Janell Frick. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel Martin, at home; two daughters, Emily Martin of Columbus, Ohio, and Amanda Martin of South Bend; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Rita Martin of Poseyville, Paul and Candace Martin of Evansville and James and Denise Martin of Owensboro, Ky.; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Bill Pigman and Ann and Tim Bitter, all of Evansville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Martin.

Services were Tuesday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier. The Rev. Babasino Fernandes officiated. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Tim Martin Academic Scholarship Fund or the West Noble Adult Athletic Booster Club.

Alta Bender

ALBION — Alta Lucinda Bender, 90, of Albion died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at her home.

She was born March 2, 1914, in Albion to Joseph and Emma (Eagleson) McMichael. She married Donald R. Bender on Oct. 14, 1948, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Sept. 11, 2003. Mrs. Bender was retired from Lyall Electric in Cromwell. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge No. 2455 of Albion, American Legion Auxiliary No. 246 of Albion, and she enjoyed fishing and traveling.

Surviving are a son, Clarence "Jr." Bender of Albion; a sister, Lena Mounsey of Richland, Mich.; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Ellen Bender; a son, William Bender; six brothers, Raymond, Otis, Ivan, Chauncey, Frankie and Francis; and a grandchild.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today (Thursday) at the funeral home. Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Katherine Crance

FORT WAYNE — Katherine B. Crance, 74, of Columbia City died unexpectedly at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at her home.

She recently moved to Columbia City from Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Crance was a press operator for 27 years at National Plastics Corp. in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 17, 1930, in DeKalb County to Arthur and Ruth (Hoover) Rowe.

She had spent most of her adult life in Fort Wayne. She was a 1948 graduate of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are six children and their spouses, Cynthia and Fred Ringler and Clifford and Jeanette Crance, all of Columbia City, Connie and Archie Zehr and Douglas D. Crance, all of Fort Wayne, Christopher and Jackie Crance of Grabill, and Harry Crance of Churubusco; six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Merriam Meyer and Iris Faurote, both of Fort Wayne, Janet and Shirley Miller of Angola, Pat and Bud Barr of Kendallville, Donna Seigal of Wawaka, and Darlene and Jim Howard of Mt. Washington, Ky.; a brother, Jack Rowe of Louisville, Ky.; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Ann Hammond; and two brothers, Jim Rose and Donald Hill.

Services were Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Rick VanHorn, pastor of Believer's Bible Fellowship, officiating.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army, Goodwill Industries or St. Vincent dePaul Society.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

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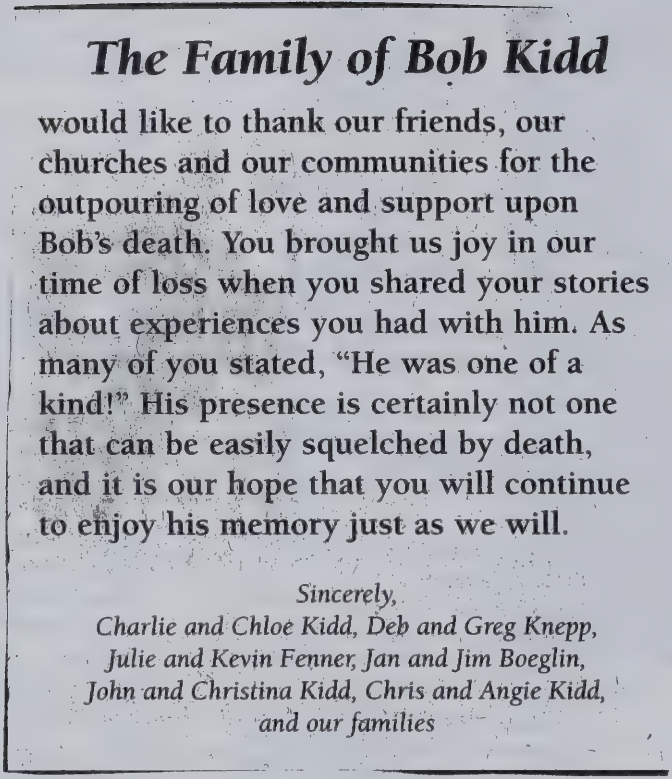

The Family of Bob Kidd

would like to thank our friends, our churches and our communities for the outpouring of love and support upon Bob's death. You brought us joy in our time of loss when you shared your stories about experiences you had with him. As many of you stated, "He was one of a kind!" His presence is certainly not one that can be easily squelched by death, and it is our hope that you will continue to enjoy his memory just as we will.

Sincerely,
Charlie and Chloe Kidd, Deb and Greg Knepp,
Julie and Kevin Fenner, Jan and Jim Boeglin,
John and Christina Kidd, Chris and Angie Kidd,
and our families

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Ex-Kendallville resident shot to death in Florida

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — A former Kendallville resident who ran for mayor in 1995 was shot and killed Monday night while patrolling his mobile home park.

Ditton

The body of Robert Ditton, 71, was found beside his trailer by a Lake Shore Mobile Home Park worker at about 1 p.m. Tuesday, according to a story in Wednesday's St. Petersburg Times. Ditton had suffered an upper body trauma.

St. Petersburg police detectives say his death is suspicious, and they are investigating it as a homicide until they receive more information from medical examiners.

Ditton's son Matthew, a Kendallville resident, was traveling to St. Petersburg Thursday, according to a family friend.

Neighbors said they last saw Ditton Monday night when he was patrolling the mobile home park as part of the neighborhood crime watch, according to the St. Petersburg Times. They described Ditton as a good neighbor who lived alone in the park.

He was past president of the Lake Shore Mobile Home Park homeowners association and made headlines on June 16, 2000, when he was mauled by a 10-foot alligator. He had been trying to help rangers locate the alligator trapped in a narrow pipe when he fell head-first into the drainpipe with the alligator.

According to a St. Petersburg Times story of the incident, the alligator had him by the arm while three firefighters had him by the legs before they pulled him out.

He received about 100 stitches.

In Kendallville, Ditton was best known for his outspoken criticism of former Mayor Jeff Smith's administration from about 1993 to 1995. Ditton attended City Council meetings where he criticized Smith and council about their strict enforcement of ordinances.

RESIDENT:

Ditton was once host of a show on WAWK-AM

At the time when the city sued him for violating the trash and rubbish ordinance, Ditton won the case in Noble County court.

He had his own radio call-in show for a time on WAWK-AM called "Ditton's Domain."

He ran against Smith in the 1995 Republican mayoral primary and lost. Smith went on to lose to Democrat Larry McGahen in the mayoral election.

Funeral details are being arranged by the family.

Mary Lease

ANGOLA — Mary Frances Lease, 83, of Angola, died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Phyllis Baker

ST. JOE — Phyllis June Baker, 90, of St. Joe died Thursday evening, Sept. 30, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of St. Joe with Pastor Paul Row officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

A complete obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

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October 1 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

THIS OBITUARY is being rerun to correct an error.

Darline Barlett

ANGOLA — Darline Barlett, 58, of Angola died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at Evanston Northwest Healthcare Hospital in Evanston, Ill.

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Also surviving are her mother, Ellen May Brigle of Longwood, Fla.; two daughters, Tina Barlett and Melody Wegesin, both of Angola; and four grandchildren, R.B. Wegesin, Haven Nicole Wegesin, Maxavier Edward Wegesin and Paisley Elise Wegesin, all of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence Edward White.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola, with the Rev. David Leitzel officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Helen Hostetler

LAGRANGE — Helen R. Hostetler, 86, of LaGrange died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Hostetler was a lifetime LaGrange resident. She had been a homemaker and the former owner of the Frontier Restaurant in LaGrange.

She was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ and the LaGrange Community Hospital volunteers.

Mrs. Hostetler was born June 5, 1918, in LaGrange County to Irvy and LaVeda (Healy) Charles. In April 1934 in Goshen she married Henry W. Litke. He died Aug. 15, 1966.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Glen and Pat Litke and Gary Litke, all of LaGrange, and Max and Susan Litke of Kendallville; two sisters, Kathleen Browne of Hughson, Calif., and Nedra Scheetz of Sturgis, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two sons, LaVon Charles Litke in 1936 and Larry Wayne Litke in 1940; and a brother, Harold Charles.

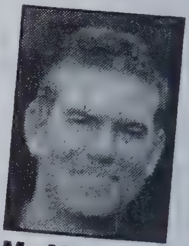
Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery at Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Danny Meyer

ASHLEY — Danny Ray Meyer, 45, of Ashley died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at home.



Mr. Meyer

Mr. Meyer was born April 3, 1959, in Kankakee, Ill., to Fred and Rita (Ripberger) Meyer. He was married to Eileen Woehnker on Aug. 8, 1981, and she survives.

He was a member of the U.S. Navy's Sea, Air and Land team. He was a route sales representative for Frito-Lay for a year, and had worked at Super-Valu in Fort Wayne for 11 years.

He was a member of the Assembly of God, Angola. He graduated from Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in biology.

Also surviving are a son, Aaron Meyer, at home; a daughter, Danielle Meyer, at home; his father, Fred Meyer of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Michael and Gregg Meyer, both of Fort Wayne, Dennis Meyer of Ossian and Ron Meyer of Tennessee; and two sisters, Debbie Wilson and Renee Sweeney, both of Ossian.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Rita Ripberger Meyer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Assembly of God, Angola, with the Rev. Ronald A. Moore officiating. Military services will be conducted at the conclusion of services. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Assembly of God Youth Bus Ministry or activity center or Cameron Hospice.

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Gerald Amstutz

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Gerald M. Amstutz, 77, of Leo-Cedarville died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Amstutz

Mr. Amstutz was the founder of Amstutz Well Drilling of Leo-Cedarville.

He was a member of Leo United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 409, Leo Masonic Temple and Veterans of Foreign Wars. A U.S. Army veteran, he served during World War II.

He was born Sept. 22, 1927, in Allen County to Merle and Laura Amstutz.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Sauder Amstutz; two daughters, Mollie Amstutz of Huntertown and Melissa Amstutz and her husband, Rick, of St. Joe; three stepchildren and their spouses, Steve and Julie Sauder of Leo, Jan and Merle Halter of Leo and Gary and Sheila Sauder of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Janice Maggert of Huntertown and Diane Maggert of Churubusco.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a son, Michael; and his first wife, Zola.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Leo United Methodist Church, with pastors Toni Carmer and John Newburg officiating. Burial will be at Leo Memorial Park Cemetery with military graveside service by American Legion Post 409 of Leo.

Calling will be at the church Saturday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 3 p.m.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, Leo IN 46765.

Beatrice Billow

AUBURN — Beatrice G. "Bea" Platter Billow, 89, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Billow

She was employed as a Stanley Home Products representative for 10 years, retiring in 1962.

She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, the Auburn Women of the Moose, and DeKalb County SeniorPak.

She was born Aug. 24, 1915, in Toledo, Ohio, to Cecil L. and Nora E. (Geisinger) Harwood.

She married Sheldon Platter in 1933 and he died in 1968. She married Rollin Billow in 1972 and he died in 1984.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Philip and Marie Platter of Cary, N.C., and Keith and Eloise Platter of Hamilton; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Walter Henry of Las Vegas, Nev.; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ken Yingling officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County SeniorPak or the Heimach Center.

Margaret Grogg

AUBURN — Margaret B. Grogg, 91, of Auburn died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, LaGrange.

Mrs. Grogg

On Oct. 11, 1912, she was born in Garrett to James and Dora (Warble) Clevenger. She married Jay Grogg on Feb. 26, 1930, in Angola. He preceded her in death on July 31, 1971.

She retired as a seamstress at Fort Wayne Tailoring after 30 years.

Mrs. Grogg was a member of the Noble Chapter 122 Order of Eastern Star for 62 years, a past member of the Church of Christ in Kendallville, and recently was a member of Mongo United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a nephew, Richard Skeels of Mongo; two great-nieces and a spouse, Mary Decker of Okeechobee, Fla., and Dena and Dennis Ritchie of Wolcottville; and a great-nephew, Richie Skeels of Wabash.

In addition to her husband, preceding her in death were a brother, James Clevenger, a sister, Alma Rose Carson, and her parents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery, South Milford.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences can be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Robert Souders

MUNCIE — Robert W. Souders, 90, of Muncie died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at his home after an extended illness.

Mr. Souders

He was born Nov. 10, 1913, in Auburn, the son of Gerry D. and Bertha Barve Souder.

He graduated from Auburn High School in 1932 and retired from Warner Gear in 1978 after 30 years of employment.

He was a member of Normal City United Methodist Church, where he had served as a trustee. He also was a member of the Warner Gear Sympathy Club.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Tressa McKee Souders, whom he married Jan. 25, 1938.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry V. and Jeanine Souders of Muncie and Gary D. and Susan Souders of Indianapolis; five grandchildren, Betsey Erwin, Andrew Souders, Christopher Souders, Samuel Souders and Benjamin Souders; six great-grandchildren, Lindsay Erwin, Landon Erwin, Dustin Souders, Corey Souders, Kit Souders and Danae Souders; five sisters-in-law, Frances Kramer, Emma Lawson, Helen Jackson, Eva Lewis and Harriett Callender; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Parson Mortuary, 801 W. Adams St., Muncie, with Pastor Donald Miller officiating. Private family burial services will be in Gardens of Memory.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the mortuary.

Memorials are to the Greater Indiana Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46209, or to Normal City United Methodist Church, 1711 W. Jackson St., Muncie IN 47303.

Condolences may be left online at www.parsonmortuary.com.

Robert Ditton

KENDALLVILLE — Services for Robert D. Ditton, 71, of St. Petersburg, Fla., and formerly of Kendallville, are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Craig R. Crothers** were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Active pallbearers were Scott Crothers, Kurt Dressler, Matthew Dressler, Kevin Brown, R. Baron Brendel and Bob Shippy. Honorary pallbearer was Terry Brown.

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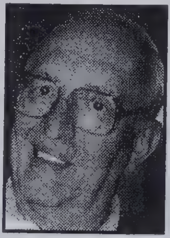
Cleon Point

KOKOMO — Cleon Elvin Point, 70, of Kokomo died at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at his home.


Mr. Point

He was born July 20, 1934 in Lima, Ohio, the son of Cleon Paul and Janet Helen (Burnett) Point. On Jan. 6, 1962, in South Bend, he married Janet Helen Gnott, who survives.

Mr. Point was a graduate of Kendallville High School in Kendallville and a Ball State graduate with a degree in accounting. He was a longtime Kokomo resident and businessman, owning Cleon E. Point Tax and Financial Services for 40 years. He also taught tax seminars throughout the country.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

His passions in life were his family, fishing and photography.

Also surviving is a daughter, Lisa Point Vorbroker and her husband, James, of Zionsville; two sons, Eric A. Point of Noblesville and Kevin P. Point of Chicago; six grandchildren, Justin, Kristin, Alli, Levi, Hunter and Dakota Vorbroker; and his beloved pet lab, Kasey.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Fenn & Shirley Mortuary, Colonial Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, Kokomo, with Pastor Michael M. Stow officiating. A private burial of the cremains will take place at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery, Lima, Ohio.

Calling will be from 3 p.m. until service time Sunday at the mortuary.

Memorials are to the Jim "Moose" Carden Kids Fishing Clinic, c/o Kokomo Parks Department, Attn: John Martino, 1402 W. Deffenbaugh, Kokomo, IN 46902.

Hazel Brandebury

STURGIS, Mich. — Hazel Marie Brandebury, 80, of Sturgis, Mich., died at 3:15 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at her residence.

On Aug. 13, 1924, in Texas, she was born to Marshall and Vera (Norris) Rhodes. On March 22, 1946, in Weatherford, Texas, she married Warren J. Brandebury. He survives.

She had lived in the Sturgis area since 1960 and was a retired bookkeeper.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a son, Robert Brandebury of Sturgis; two sisters, Pat Carlson of Illinois, and Wanda Pope of Sturgis; two brothers, Marlee Rhodes of California, and Chalmer Rhodes of Florida; a grandson and his spouse, Tom and Janelle Brandebury of Burr Oak, Mich.; a granddaughter and her spouse, Kim and Jerry Boecker Jr. of Constantine, Mich.; and five great-grandchildren, Danielle, Derek, Michelle, Michael and Linsey.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at LaGrange Baptist Church, LaGrange, with Jeff Farnham officiating. Burial will be in Bronson City Cemetery, Bronson, Mich.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Baptist Church, LaGrange.

Lillian Smith

BUTLER — Lillian M. Smith, 82, of O'Fallon, Ill., died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and a former resident of Butler.

She was born Nov. 26, 1921, in Roanoke, Ill., to Frank and Hazel M. (Knapp) Beckwith.

She married Marion Smith on May 10, 1997, in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, the Rev. Donald Reed of Marion; nine daughters, Linda Hammon of Waterloo, Marie Longerbaugh of Pendleton, Mary Miller of Auburn, Jennie Putt of Vicksburg, Mich., Dianna Huton of Boerne, Texas, Martha Beard of Butler, Ruth Butler of Bucyrus, Ohio, Donna Oswalt of Elkhart and Elaine Thorpe of Citrus Heights, Calif.; three brothers, Frank Beckwith of Mason, Texas, Bill Beckwith of Kendallville and Jack Beckwith of Montpelier, Ohio; two sisters, Donna Kimple of Hicksville, Ohio, and Marilyn Obendorf of Montpelier, Ohio; 35 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Darwin Beckwith, who was killed in the Korean War; two half-brothers, Tom and Bob Preston; a sister, Norma Celentz; and a half-sister, Pauline Krontz.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. David Schleh will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Alliance Church.

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Phyllis Baker

ST. JOE — Phyllis June Baker, 90, of St. Joe died Thursday evening, Sept. 30, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Baker

Mrs. Baker was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe and the Spencerville Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born June 25, 1914, in St. Joe to Derwood and Callie (Wineland) Ridgway

On Nov. 18, 1932, in Spencerville, she married Clayton E. Baker. He died Feb. 27, 1981.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Anita Baker of Fort Wayne, Jerry and Peg Baker of Leo, John and Sandy Baker of Fort Wayne and Donald and Peg Baker of Bremerton, Wash.; a daughter, Suzzane Parrish of Auburn; 20 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Janice Hollabaugh of Spencerville and Jean Sicks of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bruce Baker, and a brother, John Ridgway, in addition to her parents and husband.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of St. Joe with Pastor Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville and Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 345, St. Joe, IN 46785.

Wilder Brudney

STROH — Wilder "Brud" G. Brudney, 77, of Stroh died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Brudney

Born Oct. 20, 1926, in Johnstown, he was the son of George and Hazel (Brehm) Brudney Jr.

Mr. Brudney was an Army Air Corp veteran of World War II. He owned and operated W.G. Brudney Construction Co. in Stroh for 37 years.

On April 15, 1949, he married Ann M. Roberts in Bluffton. She survives in Stroh.

Also surviving are a son, Wilder M. Brudney of LaGrange; daughters Lynn Hall of Morris, Ill., and Andrea Konkle of Hamilton; a sister, Anna Gall of Johnstown, Pa.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Loretta.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Donald Kleinschmidt officiating. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home, and one hour before services on Monday.

Memorials are to American Cancer Society.

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Mr. Prior was a man of love, joy

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

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FOX LAKE — Albert Lee Pryor was born in 1907 on an Army post where his father was serving as a Buffalo Soldier.

And so began a 97-year life that was filled with love, family and adventure.

Mr. Pryor died on Sept. 22.

After his father left the Army, the Pryors moved to Indianapolis, where he attended school, graduating in 1925. Mr. Pryor then moved to Chicago, where he attended college and began a career with the railroad. He then moved to the Fox Lake area, where he settled and where his daughter, Joy (Pryor) Parker, grew up.

In November of 1997, when Mr. Pryor was 90, a group of Buffalo Soldier re-enactors from Indianapolis came to see Mr. Pryor, and did a presentation. Buffalo Soldiers were all-black cavalry units first formed during the Indian wars. The U.S. Army disbanded all horseback cavalry units in 1944.

“He really enjoyed that,” Joy said. “Being that his father was a Buffalo Soldier, he was quite interested about it.”

As he grew older, Joy said, her father became more and more dedicated as a father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Many of his family members lived nearby at Fox Lake, and he would spend as much time with them as he could.

“He was gentle and caring; a wonderful grandfather,” Joy said. “He loved to watch the grandkids get on the school bus in the morning. When they came home, if the weather was good, he’d be sitting there waiting when they got home in the afternoon. They’d stop by and say hi, or to get a hug.”

Joy said she is grateful for the closeness of her family and the memories of her father it will allow her to keep with her.

“We would always get together whenever we could,” she said. “The family that lived in Indianapolis would come up, and we’d have family dinners or cookouts. He really liked that.”

ANDY BARRAND

William Gillespie, a member of the Buffalo Soldiers re-enactment group, right, is shown in this file photo presenting Albert Pryor with a ceremonial sword once carried by Buffalo Soldiers for Pryor’s 90th birthday in November 1997. Looking on is Johnny Price, also a member of the re-enactment group. Pryor’s father was a member of the Buffalo Soldiers during the Indian wars.

Vera Schmuck

ALBION — Vera N. Schmuck, 92, of Albion, died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at 6:15 p.m. at Shepherd of The Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion chapel.

Jason Ashcraft

ALBION — Jason L. Ashcraft, 17, of rural Albion, died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at 11:30 a.m. from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion chapel.

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Max Rathbun

ANGOLA — Max L. Rathbun, 83, of Fremont died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

A 50-year Moose and Masons member, Mr. Rathbun was also a civil servant having served four years on the Fremont Town Board. He was a member of the Fremont's Men's Quartet and was a member of the Fremont Methodist Church and choir.

Mr. Rathbun was born Oct. 16, 1920, in Clear Lake Township in Steuben County to Ernest and Carrie (Mailey) Rathbun.

He married Jeanette (Storey) on Feb. 18, 1943, in Angola. She survives.

Mr. Rathbun spent seven years working for American March Pump. Co. in Battle Creek, Mich. He also worked for Kroger for 10 years and with Gay's Market for 25 years.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Rathbun is survived by one son, Gary Rathbun of St. Louis, Mo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Nianne and Jeff Gay of Fremont; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Clear Lake Baptist Church in Fremont with the Rev. Gary Hoffman officiating.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Baptist Church.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Ruth Leonhardt

FREMONT — Ruth Joyce Leonhardt, 76, of Fremont died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at her residence.

A bingo and jigsaw and crossword puzzle enthusiast, Mrs. Leonhardt was born to Clinton W. and Klela M (Cook) Penner on Sept. 6, 1928, in Jackson, Mich.

She was a homemaker. She married Robert E. Leonhardt on April 6, 1947. He preceded her in death on Feb. 26, 1995.

She is survived by three daughters and sons-inlaw, Mary and Lyle Swick of Montgomery, Mich., Sue and Larry Rathbun of Fremont and Judy and Leonard Rigelman of Fremont; a brother, Ed Penner of Montgomery; a sister, Joan Sours or Coldwater, Mich.; eight grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death a daughter, Tina Marie Leonhardt, and two brothers, Dean Marks and Gene Penner.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. E. Brian "Skip" Carsten officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial is in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Memorials are to the family care of Beams Funeral Home, P.O. Box 5, Fremont IN, 46737.

Carmon Word

EDGERTON, Ohio — Carmen F. Word, 89, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 6:20 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at Parkview Nursing Center in Edgerton where he had lived for one week.

Mr. Word worked as a self-employed painter for 40 years. He was a member of the Edgerton Emanuel United Methodist Church.

Mr. Word was born Oct. 17, 1914, near Edon, to Harvey and Mable (Wagner) Word.

He married Eileen M. Camp on Feb. 15, 1941, in Bryan, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Ann and Steve Johnson of Edgerton; one grandson, Bradley Johnson of Auburn; one sister, Wilma Dubois of Hillsdale, Mich.; four nephews and three nieces.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Leroy Word.

Services will be Tuesday at 11a.m. Ohio time at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton with Pastor Ned Adams officiating.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Edon Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Edgerton Emanuel United Methodist Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Paul Wyatt

ANGOLA — Paul LaMarr Wyatt, 83, of Angola, died Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A World War II Army veteran, Mr. Wyatt worked as a self-employed farmer. He was a member of the Angola American Legion Post 31 and a former member of the Steuben County Farm Bureau and Steuben County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

He married Lucille (German) Wyatt, April 30, 1950, who preceded him in death on Nov. 30, 1994.

Mr. Wyatt is survived by two daughters, Marilyn Hill and Bonnie Buell, both of Angola; a brother, Richard Wyatt of Angola; a sister, Betty Jean Pence of Sebring, Fla.; four grandchildren, Shelly Circosta, Rodney Cope, Josh Buell and Anthony Buell; and one great-granddaughter, Lucy Circosta.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery with a military service by the Angola American Legion.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association and the Angola American Legion Scholarship Fund.

Accident claims teen

BY MAGGIE SHEPARD

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WOLF LAKE — Alcohol is not suspected as a cause in the late Saturday morning car crash death of an Albion teen, Noble County medical examiners said.

Jason L. Ashcraft, 17, of the 3000 west block of C.R. 300S was pronounced dead from blunt force trauma at the scene of the 11 a.m., one car crash.

Noble County Sheriff's deputies report that Ashcraft had been driving his 1989 Chevrolet Cavalier on C.R. 200S near U.S. 33 at a high rate of speed when, for unknown reasons, he lost control of the car, sending it skidding off the road, through a fence and into a tree before it spun to a stop in a field.

Ashcraft was pinned the car.

Noble County deputy coroner Terry Brazzell said that test samples have been taken from Ashcraft but alcohol or drug use are not suspected.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home.

Vera Schmuck

ALBION — Vera N. Schmuck, 92, of Albion died at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Schmuck

Mrs. Schmuck spent most of her life in Albion and was a homemaker. She was very active in The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic. She taught Sunday school, played the organ and sang for several years at the church. She was devoted to God.

Mrs. Schmuck and her husband enjoyed camping and had traveled by vehicle to 48 states. She also enjoyed crocheting.

She was born March 12, 1912, near Peru, Ind., to Sydney and Mary E. (Mohler) Bryant. On March 12, 1930, at the Lutheran parsonage in LaGrange, she married Walter A. Schmuck. He died Aug. 19, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Nesta Orcutt of New Haven; a son, Ernest W. Schmuck of Westmoreland, Tenn.; two sisters, Barbara Uhl of Granger and Blanche Lemper of Auburn; 20 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Novella Halsey; three sons, Walter Max Schmuck, Joseph Schmuck and Stephen Schmuck; a sister, Amine Orcutt; and two brothers, Sydney and Vernon Bryant.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, in Albion with the Rev. Ben Archer officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic.

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Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery with a military service by the Angola American Legion.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association and the Angola American Legion Scholarship Fund.

Jason Ashcraft

ALBION — Jason Lee Ashcraft, 17, of Albion died at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, as the result of injuries sustained in a traffic accident just east of U.S. 33 in rural Albion.

He lived in Albion since 1999. Prior to that he lived with his family in the Elkhart area.

He attended Central Noble High School until last year. He was employed at Scott's Foods in Columbia City as a shelf stocker. He formerly worked at Wal-Mart in Columbia City as a customer service representative.

While living in Elkhart, he played the violin and played baseball with the Bristol Little League. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, wildlife, cars, music and spending time with his friends.

He was born Nov. 11, 1986, in Elkhart. His father, William Lee Ashcraft Jr., survives in Goshen. His mother, Janet (Emery) Ashcraft and her friend, Steven Jagger, survive in Albion.

Also surviving are a brother, Jon W. Ashcraft of Plainfield; a sister, Jennifer Ashcraft, at home in Albion; his maternal grandparents, Roy and Jeanette Emery of Fort Recovery, Ohio; his paternal grandparents, William Sr. and Kathryn Ashcraft of Fort Recovery; a nephew, Dylan Simons; several aunts and uncles; cousins; and his friends.

Private family services will be held.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Mamie Fields

WABASH — Mamie L. Fields, 80, of Wabash died at 10:55 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, at Wabash County Hospital.

Mrs. Fields retired in 1981 from General Tire after 14 years of service.

She was a member of Grand Street Baptist Church where she served as the piano player. Her life was devoted to the Lord and his work.

Mrs. Fields enjoyed gospel music and enjoyed going to the River City Camp Grounds to listen to gospel music. She also enjoyed traveling and crocheting.

She was born Aug. 15, 1924, in Kermit, W.Va., to Fred and Hazel (Stepp) Mattox. On Nov. 18, 1939, she married James Fields. He died April 9, 1993.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, James and Mary Fields of Roann, Charles and Barb Fields of Smyrna, Tenn., Billy and Peggy Fields of Kendallville and John and Diana Fields of Wabash; two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Rex Kerr of Roann and Debbie and John Gillum of Wabash; a brother and sister-in-law, Emanuel and Ruth Suzza of Oak Hill, W.Va.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Juanita and Bill Sweatnam of Columbus, Ohio, and Aretta and Bill Kirk of West Virginia; 26 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Prentice and Donald Fields; a daughter, Edith Burton; a brother; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Grand Street Baptist Church in Wabash with Pastor Billy Fields and Pastor John Denniston officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery in Wabash.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at McDonald Funeral Home, Eddingfield Chapel, in Wabash and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Grand Street Baptist Church.

Howard Keuneke

AUBURN — Howard J. Keuneke, 85, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, at his home.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Keuneke was a self-employed insurance agent at Keuneke Insurance for 35 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, a past president of the Auburn Kiwanis Club and a member of the Auburn post of the American Legion. He was a 1936 graduate of Central High School in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa and Ramon Gil of South Carolina and Lori Ann and Lawrence B. Rowe of Angola; two brothers, Roland and Karl, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Evelyn Bender of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Miguel Gil of South Carolina and Austin Rowe of Angola.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Stanley, Ralph, Otto Jr., Harry and Bill.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church at Ninth and Van Buren streets in Auburn. Graveside services and burial will be at 1 p.m. in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Legion or St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Dovie Maggard

LIGONIER — Dovie Maggard, 71, of Ligonier died at 2:20 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, in Methodist Hospital in Merrillville.

Mrs. Maggard had retired from Silgan Plastics after 25 years as a finisher. She attended the Regular Baptist Church, and enjoyed needlework and cooking.

Mrs. Maggard

She was born Dec. 20, 1932, in Hollybush, Ky., to Green and Rhoda (Slone) Slone. She married Lee Maggard on June 4, 1960, in Leburn, Ky. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Grayson and Mary Caudill of Goshen, and Harold and Jennifer Caudill of Ligonier; two stepdaughters, Shila Gibson of Louisville, Ky., and Debra Hidgon of Cincinnati, Ohio; a brother, Conard Slone of McArthur, Ohio; three sisters, Tena Slone and Margaret Slone, both of Pippa Passes, Ky., and Imogene Marek of Hebron; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Austin Slone, Boss Jr. Slone, John L. Slone and Austin Jr. Slone; and two sisters, Linda Slone and Merkie Slone.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier. Burial will be Saturday in Pippa Passes, Ky. Memorials are to the Northern Little Dove Old Riser Baptist Church.

James Becker

KENDALLVILLE — James E. Becker, 63, of Kendallville died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, at home.

Mr. Becker was born in DeKalb County on Aug. 1, 1941, to Warren and Leona (Prentice) Becker. He married Bonnie Montgomery on Aug. 5, 1961, and she survives.

He and his wife were the owners of A & H Specialties in Kendallville for 15 years. He lived in the Kendallville area for 17 years, and before that in Ashley for 25 years.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in rural Hudson, and was a 1959 graduate of Salem Center High School.

Also surviving are a daughter, Tammy Becker of Kendallville; a son, Tim Becker of Hudson; a sister, Phyllis Casselman of Kendallville; and three brothers, Dennis Becker of Hudson, Wayne Becker of Golden Lake and Floyd Becker of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lloyd Becker.

Memorial graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Cemetery in rural Hudson, with the Rev. James Elsner officiating.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is handling arrangements.

Condolences can be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

Clifton Humphrey

FORT WAYNE — Clifton C. Humphrey, 86, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital.

He was office manager with O'Reilly Office Supply 40 years and a member of four bands; The Little Big Band, Auburn Dixielanders, Auburn Community Band and American Legion Post 47 Band.

Previously, he had been band leader and drummer for The Bel-Aires for 25 years. He was a lifetime member of the Fort Wayne Musicians Association.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary K. "Tudy" Teter and Cynthia C. Humphrey, both of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; one brother, Paul L. Humphrey of Benson, Ariz.; and one sister, Marjorie Simon of Toledo, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary K. Humphrey, in 1997.

Services will be at noon Thursday in St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 729 W. Washington Blvd., with burial in St. John Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at the church. Memorials are to the St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Altar Guild or Kids-First Cleft Clinic, 2510 E. Dupont Road, Suite 226, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

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William Growcock

WAWAKA — William D. Growcock, 79, of Wawaka died at 12:36 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, in Life Care Center of LaGrange where he had been a resident one week. He had been ill six months.

Mr. Growcock lived in the Wawaka area for 25 years and formerly lived in Fort Wayne and Columbia City.

He retired in 1985 as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service after 30 years of service.

Mr. Growcock attended Wawaka United Methodist Church.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born June 8, 1925, in Gibson City, Ill., to Myron and Lucy (Barney) Growcock. On Aug. 6, 1983, in Wawaka, he married Annabel M. Fike. She survives.

Also surviving are a stepson and his wife, Paul and Jeanne Strater of Yakima, Wash.; four grandchildren, Jonethan and Jennifer Strater and Scott and Mark Miller; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Patricia Miller, in November 2001, and a brother, Kenneth Growcock.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins of Wawaka United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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October 6 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Welcome DeHoff

JONESVILLE, Mich. — Welcome V. DeHoff, 104, of Jonesville and a former longtime resident of Avilla, Ind., died Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at Hillsdale Community Health Center.

Mrs. DeHoff and her husband, Forrest, spent their entire married life on the farm near Avilla where Forrest was born. It was an Indiana Centennial Farm.

Following the death of her husband, she moved to Jonesville to be near her family.

She was a lifetime member of Hopewell Presbyterian Church at Avilla where she served in various capacities. The church was built on land donated by the DeHoff family. She regularly attended the First Presbyterian Church of Jonesville.

Mrs. DeHoff was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She was born Sept. 15, 1900, in Noble County, Ind., to Joseph and Emma (Hossinger) McCoy. On Oct. 23, 1920, she married Forrest DeHoff. He died Sept. 22, 1987.

Surviving are two daughters, Maxine Suits of Jonesville and Donna and the Rev. Nordan Murphy of West Milford, N.J.; a son and daughter-in-law, Rev. Paul and Rosalyn DeHoff of Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son-in-law, Owen Suits; a grandson; a great-grandson; and three brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Indiana time Friday at First Presbyterian Church of Jonesville with the Rev. Gary Oliver officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. Indiana time at Hopewell Cemetery at Avilla.

Memorials are to Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility where she was cared for the past three years.

Kurtz Funeral Home in Hillsdale is in charge of arrangements.

Keith Covey Jr.

AUBURN — Keith F. Covey Jr., 46, of Auburn died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at 3:50 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Covey was employed in the shipping department at Aim Industrial in Ashley.

He was born Sept. 18, 1958, in Huntington to Keith F. Covey Sr. and Bertha Covey. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Auburn.

On Aug. 11, 1990, he married Sue Gordon in Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Alicia Ann and Stephanie Marie, both at home; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Tom and Barb Gordon of Auburn; and two brothers-in-law, Mark Gordon of Angola and John Gordon of Stroh.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a trust that has been established for Mr. Covey's daughters.

Denise Ohms

KENDALLVILLE — Denise M. Ohms, 50, of Kendallville died Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at her home.

She was a factory worker and a member of the Kendallville Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 5, 1954, in South Bend to David F. Jr. and Jo Ann Elliott. They are deceased.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark A. Raszipovits Jr. of Kendallville and Thomas and Phobe Strange of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Christina and Jimmy Sherwood of Osceola; a special friend, Jim Hillegass of Kendallville; two brothers, Mike White of Killen, Ala., and David Elliott III of South Bend; a sister, Pam Vincent of Mishawaka; a granddaughter, Kierstynn Strange of Kendallville; and three grandsons, Kyle Sherwood of Osceola, Logan Strange of Kendallville and Cody Tackett of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by her stepmother, Mary Ann Elliott.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Audrey Hollis

GARRETT — Audrey G. Hollis, 84, of Garrett died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at 3 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Hollis had lived in Garrett for 64 years. She managed the Garrett school cafeteria for 26 years, retiring in 1982.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

She was born March 28, 1920, in Deshler, Ohio, to William G. and Mary E. (Heffley) Tooman.

She married Marion J. Hollis on July 28, 1947, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and Joe Cole of Garrett; five grandsons and their spouses, Dave and Beth Cole of Garrett, Bob and Joni Cole of Garrett, Tom Cole of Lafayette, La., Mike Cole of Garrett and Matt and Abby Cole of Garrett; a granddaughter and her husband, Amanda and Tim Hebauf of Ohio; a sister, Gladys Schey of Paulding, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Helen Tooman of Garrett; five great-granddaughters and a husband, Brytannie and David Morningstar of Garrett and Annelisa, Stefanie, Jennifer and Ashley Cole, all of Garrett; a great-great grandchild, Adysson Morningstar of Garrett; five stepgreat-grandsons and a wife, Josh and Katie Vanderbosch of Garrett, and Blake, Wade, Jalen and Kameron Vanderbosch, all of Garrett; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Earl Tooman; and two sisters, Pauline Ridenour and Velma Shank.

Private family services will be Friday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Private family viewing also will be at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Community Center.

Joseph Stamm

FORT WAYNE — Joseph A. Stamm, 80, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at his home.

He retired in 1987 as a senior staff engineer for North American Philips Electronics. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 451 and the Fort Wayne Senior Golf League.

Surviving are his wife, Henrietta K.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Christy and Phillip Motley of Spencerville, Susan K. Stamm of Fort Wayne and Linda L. and Larry Brenish of Fountain, Colo.; six grandchildren; and one sister, Mary Beatrice Stamm of New Albany.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road, with burial in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. A rosary service will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Gibault School for Boys of the Knights of Columbus and Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to provide additional information.*

James Becker

KENDALLVILLE — James E. Becker, 63, of Kendallville died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, at home.

Mr. Becker was born in DeKalb County on Aug. 1, 1941, to Warren and Leona (Prentice) Becker. He married Bonnie Montgomery on Aug. 5, 1961, and she survives.

He and his wife were the owners of A & H Specialties in Kendallville for 15 years. He lived in the Kendallville area for 17 years, and before that in Ashley for 25 years.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in rural Hudson, and was a 1959 graduate of Salem Center High School.

Also surviving are his mother, of Hudson; a daughter, Tammy Becker of Kendallville; a son, Tim Becker of Hudson; a sister, Phyllis Casselman of Kendallville; and three brothers, Dennis Becker of Hudson, Wayne Becker of Golden Lake and Floyd Becker of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Lloyd Becker.

Memorial graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Cemetery in rural Hudson, with the Rev. James Elsner officiating.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is handling arrangements.

Condolences can be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

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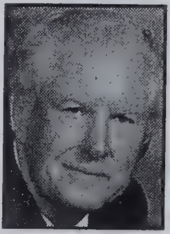
October 6 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Gerald Bassett

ANGOLA — Gerald E. Bassett, 76, of Angola died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, in Angola.


Mr. Bassett

Mr. Bassett was born Dec. 3, 1927, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Ancel E. and Wava (Shuman) Bassett. He was married to Bonnie Kessler in Angola on Sept. 10, 1950. She survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked as a mail carrier for the U.S. post office in Angola for 36 years, retiring on March 1, 1988.

He was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31, the Angola Moose Lodge, Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236 and Angola Chapter No. 78 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Also surviving are two sons, Larry Bassett of Angola and Michael Bassett of LaPorte; a daughter, Linda Landram of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with military graveside services conducted by members of Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church or donor's choice.

Wayne Wells

LAGRANGE — Wayne Wells, 82, of LaGrange died at 3:49 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Wells was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

He was a retired farmer and rural postal carrier.

Mr. Wells was a member of American Legion Post 215 and the VFW.

He was born March 17, 1922, in LaGrange County to Chessie W. and Mary Jane (Ratliff) Wells.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Wava and Bob Nicholas of Wolcottville; and a brother, Arthur Wells of LaGrange.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

Edgar Long

KENDALLVILLE — Edgar R. Long, 88, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Juanita Wright

ANGOLA — Juanita B. "Peg" Wright, 85, of Angola and formerly of Huntington died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wright was born Oct. 8, 1918, in Huntington, to Frank Buse and Amanda (Kroft) Buse Blum. She married Maurice E. Wright on Aug. 30, 1940, at the Central Christian Church in Huntington, and he survives.

She retired in 1968 from Indiana Bell Telephone Co., Huntington, where she was an operator for 30 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority, both in Huntington; and the Telephone Pioneers of America.

She was a resident of Huntington until she moved to Angola in 1974. She was a 1936 graduate of Huntington High School.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Bailey-Love Mortuary in Huntington, with the Rev. Charles Lyman officiating. Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. today.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Huntington.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Condolences can be sent to baileylove@sbcglobal.net.

THE NEW ERA

October 6 2004 Albion, Indiana

Jason Ashcraft

ALBION — Jason Lee Ashcraft, 17, of Albion died at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, as the result of injuries sustained in a traffic accident just east of U.S. 33 in rural Albion.

He had lived in Albion since 1999. Prior to that he lived with his family in the Elkhart area.

He attended Central Noble High School until last year. He was employed at Scott's Foods in Columbia City as a shelf stocker. He formerly worked at Wal-Mart in Columbia City as a customer service representative.

While living in Elkhart, he played the violin and played baseball with the Bristol Little League. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, wildlife, cars, music and spending time with his friends.

He was born Nov. 11, 1986, in Elkhart. His father, William Lee Ashcraft Jr., survives in Goshen. His mother, Janet (Emery) Ashcraft and her friend, Steven Jagger, survive in Albion.

Also surviving are a brother, Jon W. Ashcraft of Plainfield; a sister, Jennifer Ashcraft, at home in Albion; his maternal grandparents, Roy and Jeanette Emery of Fort Recovery, Ohio; his paternal grandparents, William Sr. and Kathryn Ashcraft of Fort Recovery; a nephew, Dylan Simons; several aunts and uncles; cousins; and his friends.

Private family services will be held.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Albion teen killed in crash

by Mark Hunter

A rural Albion teen was killed in a single car crash near Wolf Lake Saturday.

Jason L. Ashcraft, 17, died when his car crashed on CR 200S, about half a mile east of US 33, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department. Emergency responders found him trapped in the wreckage of a 1989 Chevy Cavalier, which had crashed into a field, sometime between 10:45 and 11 a.m.

Apparently Ashcraft was traveling at a high rate of speed when he lost control for an unknown reason and skidded broadside off the roadway. The car went through a fence, slammed into a tree and spun to a stop, with Ashcraft still inside. EMS and fire trucks from Albion and Noble Township were called immediately, but Ashcraft was pronounced dead at the scene of blunt force trauma, by the Noble County Coroner's office.

The Coroner and Sheriff's Departments are continuing to investigate the cause of the accident which totaled the Cavalier.

The Indiana State Police also assisted at the scene.

Jason L. Ashcraft

(photo courtesy Central Noble 2003 Yearbook)

THE NEW ERA

October 6 2004 Albion, Indiana

Vera Schmuck

ALBION — Vera N. Schmuck, 92, of Albion died at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Schmuck spent most of her life in Albion and was a homemaker.

She was very active in The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic. She taught Sunday school, played the organ and sang for several years at the church. She was devoted to God.

Mrs. Schmuck and her husband enjoyed camping and had traveled by vehicle to 48 states. She also enjoyed crocheting.

She was born March 12, 1912, near Peru, Ind., to Sydney and Mary E. (Mohler) Bryant. On March 12, 1930, at the Lutheran parsonage in LaGrange. She married Walter A. Schmuck. He died Aug. 19, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Nesta Orcutt of New Haven; a son, Ernest W. Schmuck of Westmoreland, Tenn.; two sisters, Barbara Uhl of Granger and Blanche Lemper of Auburn; 20 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Novella Halsey; three sons, Walter Max Schmuck, Joseph Schmuck and Stephen Schmuck; a sister, Amine Orcutt; and two brothers, Sydney and Vernon Bryant.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday at The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, in Albion with the Rev. Ben Archer officiating. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic.

William Growcock

WAWAKA — William D. Growcock, 79, of Wawaka died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, in Life Care Center of LaGrange where he had been a resident one week.

He had been ill six months.

Mr. Growcock lived in the Wawaka area for 25 years and formerly lived in Fort Wayne and Columbia City.

He retired in 1985 as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service after 30 years of service.

Mr. Growcock attended Wawaka United Methodist Church.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born June 8, 1925, in Gibson City, Ill., to Myron and Lucy (Barney) Growcock. On Aug. 6, 1983, in Wawaka, he married Annabel M. Fike. She survives.

Also surviving are a stepson and his wife, Paul and Jeanne Strater of Yakima, Wash.; four grandchildren, Jonethan and Jennifer Strater and Scott and Mark Miller; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Patricia Miller, in November 2001, and a brother, Kenneth Growcock.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins of Wawaka United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Howard Somers

FORT WAYNE -- Howard L. Somers, 76, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Ellenton, Fla. from 1984 to 2003, died Friday, October 1, 2004, at his residence.

Mr. Somers was born November 20, 1927, in Fort Wayne, and he was a retired Salesman for Sears after 21 years of service. He was a member of Huntertown United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 82. He served in the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Elthian E. of Fort Wayne; daughters, Cathy Jo (Tom) Bice and Deborah Lou (Bob) Caldwell, both of Fort Wayne; stepsons, Edward (Cindy) Foss of Roanoke, Kim (Elizabeth) Foss of Tucson, Ariz. and Scott (Leilani) Foss of Dripping Springs, Texas; stepdaughters, Roxanna Nofzinger of Albion, Laura Foss of Fort Wayne and Sharice (John) Pinney of Nashville, Ind.; 10 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his stepson, Daniel Foss.

Funeral Services were Tuesday at Huntertown United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were by D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

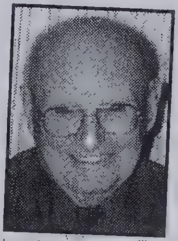
Burial was at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Huntertown United Methodist Church or the donor's choice.

Edgar Long

KENDALLVILLE — Edgar R. Long, 88, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at his home

Mr. Long was the original owner of the H&L Taxi service which he started 50 years ago in Kendallville. He also owned Long's Antiques and was a farmer.


Mr. Long

He had driven a truck for Trans American trucking company and Brady Trucking Co. and retired in 1975 from Smith Trucking.

He enjoyed doing carpentry work, traveling, vacationing and was an avid fisherman.

Mr. Long was born Sept. 19, 1916 in Churubusco to Louie L. and Blondena (Steel) Long. On March 11, 1939, in Albion, he married Mae Addis. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marcella Jean and Charles Max Hoover and Sharon and Daryl Bell, all of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Ed and Sherri Long of LaOtto; two grandsons and their wives, Eric and Kim Bell of Avilla and James and Teresa VanAuken of Ligonier; seven granddaughters and their husbands, Julie Weber of Pulaski, Tenn., Beth Patrick of Waterloo, Wendy and Del Combs of Wolf Lake, Casey Long of Avilla and Kristin and Andrew Hampshire, Stacy and Chris Poling and Teena and Brad Newport, all of Kendallville; and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Lee Long, and two great-grandsons.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Wayne Center United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Wayne Center United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ora Grate Jr.

SOUTH BEND — Ora F. Grate Jr., 46, of South Bend died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at his home.

He moved to South Bend in 1988 from LaGrange.

Mr. Grate drove a route for Con-Way Central Express and enjoyed helping his customers.

He enjoyed riding motorcycles his entire life and was affiliated with the Association of Recovering Motorcyclists (ARM). He was a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism and Barony of Whitewaters Household of the Great Dark Horde.

Mr. Grate held a lifetime membership in the Hoosier Corps and established the first pledge center for MDA in LaGrange.

He was actively involved in the Jaycees for 22 years and was awarded the JCI Senatorship No, 39731, the highest award given by the Jaycees.

He will be remembered as a born leader with a strong personality and loving heart. He made a point to make someone laugh every day.

Mr. Grate was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy.

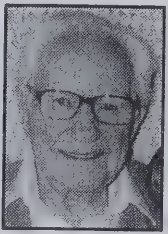
He was born July 27, 1958, in LaGrange to Ora and Dora (Waters) Grate. They are deceased.

Henry Grepke

FORT WAYNE — Henry D. Grepke, 98, of Fort Wayne died at 1:36 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Grepke retired in 1968 from the small motors department of General Electric after 47 years of service.

He was a member of Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the Kiwanis Club and Toastmasters International.


Mr. Grepke

Mr. Grepke was born July 28, 1906, in Fort Wayne to William O. and Sophia L. (Weber) Grepke.

Surviving are his wife, Virgyl Grepke of Fort Wayne;, three sons and two daughters-in-law, Donald E. Grepke and Michael and Linda Grepke, all of Fort Wayne and Franklin L. and Joann Grepke of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Marsha D. and Thomas Brockway of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Glendora May Shaw Grepke; his second wife, Mary Madolyn Nicholson Grepke; and two sons, Thomas H. Grepke and Norman Grepke.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Richard Smith officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Winchester Road Chapel and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Lucille Scott

GRAYLING, Mich. — Lucille Ann Scott, 102, of Grayling, Mich., died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004, at 3:25 a.m. at Mercy Manor in Grayling.

She was born in Auburn on July 23, 1902, to John George and Mary Clarrissa (Guinn) Balzer.

Mrs. Scott

She and her family moved to Columbia City in 1916. She received her early education in Auburn's public schools and graduated from Columbia City High School with the class of 1920.

She married Walter J. Scott on Oct. 29, 1921, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, with the late Rev. Slater officiating.

In 1921, following her marriage, Mrs. Scott and her husband established their first home in Columbia City. In 1959 they worked for Blue Bell Inc. and moved to Nappanee where they assisted in establishing new factory sites.

In 1968, the company moved them to Bethel, N.C., where they also assisted in establishing new factory sites. They later returned to Columbia City.

Mrs. Scott retired in 1974 after 56 years as an employee of the Superior Garment Co. in Columbia City and its successors, Globle Superior and Blue Bell Inc. For much of that time, she supervised the employee cafeteria and for the last 40 years of her employment, she supervised the training of new production employees. She also was involved in retail sales work in Blue Bell's former Corral Store in downtown Columbia City.

After her husband's death on Nov. 18, 1975, Mrs. Scott continued to live in Columbia City for 18 years. She moved to Grayling, Mich., in 1993 to live with her great niece and nephew, Carole and Dohn "Lee" Weaver.

Mrs. Scott was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn and had attended the Columbia City Grace Lutheran Church.

She was one of the organizers of the Columbia City Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 1906 Auxiliary and was an active member of its award-winning drill team. She was honored as the Indiana Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Mother of the Year in 1987-1988.

She was a member of the Columbia City Women of the Moose and the Maccabees lodges, the Women's International Bowling Association and the Columbia City Women's Bowling Association. She was elected to almost all of the offices of the three lodges and the Columbia City Women's Bowling Association.

She is survived by a nephew, Harry Balzer; two nieces, Della Ray of Tennessee and Mary Shier Gillman of Washington; a great-nephew and his wife, James R. and Shirley R. Shaw of Columbia City; two great nieces, Carole Weaver and her husband, Dohn "Lee" Weaver and Barbara Waldorf, all of Grayling; and several other nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Mary Elizabeth Balzer, Emma Balzer and Gladys Horn; two brothers, Barry and Charles Balzer; and two nieces, Marjorie Anthes Gilman and Henrietta Horn.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with the Rev. Dr. C. James Cress of Grace Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial will be in Greenhill Cemetery of Columbia City.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. A twilight memorial service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, conducted by the Order of Eagles Auxiliary Lodge 1906 and the Columbia City Moose.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

To send condolences, go online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Lawrence Myers

KALKASKA, Mich. — Lawrence "Larry" Myers, 57, of Kalkaska died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at Meadowbrook Care Facility in Bellaire.

Mr. Myers was a former Redford Township police officer and former employee of the Michigan Department of Social Services.

He was a U.S. Army 82nd Airborne veteran.

He was born Dec. 15, 1946, in Highland Park to Mark and Betty (Swisher) Myers. They survive at Fife Lake.

Also surviving is a daughter, Stephanie Myers of Kalamazoo.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gregory Myers, in June 1999.

Memorial services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. Omer Nisley officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to K.A.I.R., P.O. Box 766, Kalkaska, MI 49646.

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Mary Lease

ANGOLA — Mary Frances Lease, 83, of Angola, died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Lease was born Aug. 6, 1921, in West Virginia, to Frank A. and Mary E. (France) Montgomery. She was married to Lynn Edward Lease on June 23, 1939, and he preceded her in death.

She was retired from the Steuben County Sheriff's Department.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Blaine and Regina Lease of Pleasant Lake, Tom and Sandy Lease of Helena, Ohio, and Jimmy Montgomery of Texas; two daughters, Judith Houpt of Norwalk, Ohio, and Toni Bennett of Angola; a brother, Frank A. Montgomery Jr. of Texas; 23 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a son, William F. Lease; and a grandson, Bradly John Lease.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Metz Cemetery, with the Rev. E. Brian "Skip" Carsten officiating.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice. Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Marjorie Masters

ROME CITY — Marjorie A. Masters, 73, of Rome City died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

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William Growcock

WAWAKA — William D. Growcock, 79, of Wawaka died at 12:36 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, in Life Care Center of LaGrange where he had been a resident one week.

He had been ill six months.

Mr. Growcock lived in the Wawaka area for 25 years and formerly lived in Fort Wayne and Columbia City.

He retired in 1985 as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service after 30 years of service.

Mr. Growcock attended Wawaka United Methodist Church.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born June 8, 1925, in Gibson City, Ill., to Myron and Lucy (Barney) Growcock.

On Aug. 6, 1983, in Wawaka, he married Annabel M. Fike. She survives.

Also surviving are a stepson and his wife, Paul and Jeanne Strater of Yakima, Wash.; four grandchildren, Jonethan and Jennifer Strater and Scott and Mark Miller; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Patricia Miller, in November 2001, and a brother, Kenneth Growcock.

Services were this morning at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins of Wawaka United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Dovie Maggard

LIGONIER — Dovie Maggard, 71, of Ligonier died at 2:20 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, in Methodist Hospital in Merrillville.

Mrs. Maggard had retired from Silgan Plastics after 25 years as a finisher. She attended the Regular Baptist Church, and enjoyed needlework and cooking.

She was born Dec. 20, 1932, in Hollybush, Ky., to Green and Rhoda (Slone) Slone. She married Lee Maggard on June 4, 1960, in Leburn, Ky. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Grayson and Mary Caudill of Goshen, and Harold and Jennifer Caudill of Ligonier; two stepdaughters, Shila Gibson of Louisville, Ky., and Debra Hidgon of Cincinnati, Ohio; a brother, Conard Slone of McArthur, Ohio; three sisters, Tena Slone and Margaret Slone, both of Pippa Passes, Ky., and Imogene Marek of Hebron; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Austin Slone, Boss Jr. Slone, John L. Slone and Austin Jr. Slone; and two sisters, Linda Slone and Merkie Slone.

Calling was Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier. Burial will be Saturday in Pippa Passes, Ky. Memorials are to the Northern Little Dove Old Riser Baptist Church.

Marjorie Masters

ROME CITY — Marjorie Ann Masters, 73, of Rome City died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Masters

Mrs. Masters had retired in 1996 from Dometic Corp. in LaGrange.

She was a member of American Legion Post 381 Auxiliary.

She was a Rome City Volunteer Fire Department Firebelle.

She was a 1949 graduate of South Side High School and a 13-year member of the Noble County EMS.

Mrs. Masters was a member of Rome City United Methodist Church.

She was born July 12, 1931, in Fort Wayne to Paul and Lucille (Druley) Walborn. In May 1973, she married Hobart "Hobie" Masters. He died Nov. 17, 1997.

Surviving are two sons, William "Bill" Hulwick and Mark Hulwick, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Debra Frehse of Goshen; two grandsons, William Jason Hulwick of Fort Wayne and Chad Bloss of Goshen; a great-granddaughter, Shaley Marie Hulwick; and three nieces, Judy Erickson, Linda Myers and Sammie Leach, all of Crescent City, Calif.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Marcella Druley.

Private services and calling will be held Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Thomas Novy officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Memorials are to the Noble County EMS.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Goldie Mauck

LAGRANGE — Goldie Cisler Mauck, 100, died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mauck moved to LaGrange County in 1939 from Elkhart.

She served as LaGrange County Democrat chairwoman from 1948-1960.

Mrs. Mauck was a homemaker and had been employed at Kirsch Co. of Sturgis, Mich.

She was a member of Vistula Christian Church, Rebecca Lodge of Bristol, Jefferson Township Farm Bureau and the Jefferson Township Home Economics Club.

Mrs. Mauck was born April 13, 1904, in Elkhart to Evan W. and Nellie (Partridge) Lutz.

On Jan. 10, 1925, she married Vincent W. "Buck" Cisler. He died in February 1959.

She then married Frank W. Mauck on Nov. 8, 1969. He died in November 1981.

Surviving is a stepson, Carl Mauck of Bristol.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Walter Evan Cisler, in January 1935, and a sister, Dorothy Evelyn Lutz, in 1920.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Paul Koepke officiating

Burial will be in Vistula Cemetery in Vistula.

Calling will be from 5-7 tonight at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Kathleen Reusze

CORUNNA — Kathleen M. Reusze, 84, of Corunna died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004, at 11:47 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Reusze was a clerk and chief dispatcher-agent operator for the B&O Railroad for 33 years, retiring in 1980.

She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett and had lived in Corunna for 36 years.

She was born Dec. 24, 1919, in Garrett, to Glenn and Lillian (LaVergne) Hendrickson. They preceded her in death.

She married Arthur F. Reusze on May 10, 1937, in Garrett. He died Feb. 10, 1992.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tonyua and James Hollis of Corunna; two grandsons, Brian Hollis of Fort Wayne and David Hollis of Queens, N.Y.; two great-grandsons, Samuel Hollis and Isaac Hollis, both of Fort Wayne; and a half sister, Susan Helbert of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Annetta Hughes; a son, Lindley Reusze; and a half brother, Walter Ruhland.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett.

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Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Margaret B. Grogg** were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial was in South Milford Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dennis Ritchie, Chase Ritchie, Jaren Ritchie, Mark Payton, Rod Gibson and Joshua Vigar.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **William D. Growcock** were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Glen DePoy, Scott Miller, Mark Miller, Junior Cravens, Wade Frederick, Wayne Fike and Glen Fike.

Weldon Lambright

LAGRANGE — Weldon Lambright, 54, of LaGrange died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004, at St. John Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis from injuries sustained in a truck accident in August.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Bonald Cole

COLUMBIA CITY — Bonald Cole, 70, of Columbia City died at 10:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004, at V.N. Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cole worked as a supervisor at Dana-Weatherhead for 36 years and as a transporter of campers for Horizon Transport in Wakarusa for 12 years. He was a member of Community of Christ Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 20, 1933, in Noble County to Orval and Joy (Hively) Cole. He was a lifelong resident of Columbia City and graduated from Columbia City Joint High School. He married Carol Coyle on Sept. 7, 1952, in Columbia City. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Melody and Denny Fry of Tennessee, Brenda and Gary Caibaiosai of Albion, Tammy and Scott McQueen of Columbia City and Amy and Brian Holloman of Goshen; a son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Michele Cole of Columbia City; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Sharon and Bobby Casey of North Carolina, Sheila and Jac Spaw of Columbia City, Patty and Gail Jagger of Columbia City and Cheryl Bernth of California; and a brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Sandy Cole of Ohio.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Eagle Quest Church in Columbia City. June and Dave Wright of Community of Christ Church in Indianapolis and Richard Pride of Eagle Quest Church will officiate.

Calling will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Eagle Quest Church.

Memorials are to V.N. Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wayne Trapp

HOWE — Wayne C. Trapp, 78, of Howe died at 9:36 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Before retirement, Mr. Trapp was a district manager for Kroger with 36 years of service.

A World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps, 816th Bomb Squad of 483rd Bomb Group, he was the recipient of two Purple Hearts and a Victory Air Medal. He was a member of Meridan Sun Lodge F.&A.M. 76, Order of the Eastern Star 251 and LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

He was born Nov. 10, 1925, in New Castle to Andrew J. and Ola (Wallace) Trapp. He married his wife, Candice, on April 30, 1977, in Fremont, Ohio, and they moved to LaGrange County in December 1985 from Norwalk, Ohio. Mrs. Trapp survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kathryn A. Trapp of Harrisburg, Pa.; a son and daughter-in-law, Andrew B. and Michelle Trapp of Waynesville, Ohio; two grandchildren, Julia Trapp and Andrew J. Trapp, both of Waynesville, Ohio; a cousin, Myra Davidson of Plainfield; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Gerald and Michelle Menkhoff of Kennsewa, Ga.; and two nieces, Nicole Menkhoff of Arlington, Va., and Gera Durbin of Lindsay, Ohio.

There will be no services. Cremation has taken place. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Fremont, Ohio, at a later date.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Katie Troyer

GOSHEN — Katie Troyer, 93, of Goshen, died at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004, in Greencroft Nursing Center, Goshen.

Mrs. Troyer

Mrs. Troyer was a registered nurse who worked in Colorado, Oklahoma and Goshen. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting and gardening. She was a member of Clinton Brick Mennonite Church, where she had taught Sunday School and had been very active in the Woman's Sewing Circle.

She was born Jan. 31, 1911, in Wolford, N.D., to Mose and Hannah (Graber) Yoder. She married John M. Troyer on June 4, 1939, in Zion Mennonite Church in Pryor, Okla. They moved to Indiana in 1943. Mr. Troyer died May 29, 2002.

She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Lavera and Richard Hooley of Middlebury, Carolyn and Lowell Hostetler of LaGrange and Rosella and Ervin Coblentz of Lingleville, Texas; three sons and daughters-in-law, Glen and Denise Troyer of Lake Jackson, Texas, Larry and Deb Troyer of Elkhart and Donald and Linda Troyer of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 19 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Rose Bender of Kalona, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Sylvan Yoder, Albert Yoder, Pete Yoder and Henry Yoder, and a sister, Fannie Mast.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Clinton Brick Mennonite Church. The Rev. Ron Kennel of Clinton Brick Mennonite Church will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Grove Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to O.M.F. Missionary or Students International Missionary. Mrs. Troyer has granddaughters serving in each of these organizations.

Mildred Morton

AUBURN — Mildred Morton, 80, of Auburn, died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004, at her home after suffering a massive heart attack.

Mrs. Morton

Mrs. Morton worked in DeKalb Central school cafeterias for 12 years, retiring in 1992. She had been a volunteer worker at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for the past 10 years.

She was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church, the Methodist Women's Church Circle, the Auburn Order of the Eastern Star, Auburn Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and the Auburn American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born March 8, 1924, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Warren and Bernice (Lint) Oberlin.

She married Russell L. Morton on Dec. 26, 1944, in San Luis Obispo, Calif. He died Sept. 30, 2003.

Surviving are two sons and three daughters-in-law, Randy and Karen Morton of Auburn, Mark and Pam Morton of Hamilton and Karla Morton of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Mildred Oberlin of Bryan, Ohio; two grandchildren and their spouses, Holly and Justin Jorden and Jason and Amy Morton; and two great-grandsons, Carson and Parker Morton.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Morton.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with D.V. Dillinger and the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

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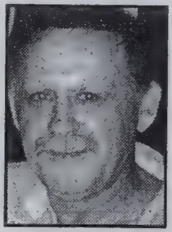
Ernest Bontrager

ELKHART — Ernest Jay Bontrager, 59, of Elkhart, died at 12:40 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8, 2004, in Cumberland County, Ill., as the result of injuries from a two-vehicle accident.

Mr. Bontrager worked for K-Z Sportsman in Shipshewana delivering RV trailers and had previously worked for 20 years as a railroad engineer. An Army veteran who served in Vietnam in 1965 and 1970, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He was born June 9, 1945, in Elkhart to Ammon J. and Katie (Miller) Bontrager. His mother survives in Shipshewana.



Mr. Bontrager

Also surviving are the mother of his children, Melanie Clark of Kansas City, Mo.; a daughter, Heather Bontrager of Kansas City, Mo.; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffery and Ruth Bontrager of Kansas City, Mo.; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Betty and Levi Raber of Topeka, Sue Bartley of Elkhart, Marietta and Mac McClain and Lydia and Herman Yoder, all of Shipshewana, and Edna and Herman Miller of LaGrange; and a brother and sister-in-law, Duane and Leilani Bontrager of Shipshewana.

He was preceded in death by his father on Sept. 28, 2000, and a nephew, Jason Yoder, on Jan. 12, 2002.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at 850 Center, Shipshewana, located a half-mile west and a quarter-mile north of the intersection of S.R. 5 and U.S. 20. The Rev. Brian Arbuckle and the Rev. Mahlon Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at 850 Center, Shipshewana.

Memorials are to the family.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Mrs. Bledsoe a woman with honesty, integrity

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ANGOLA — Jean Logan doesn't know whether or not it's a coincidence that her mother passed away a year to the day after Jean's father did.

Margaret Ann "Peg" Bledsoe, 74, died on Sept. 27, the first anniversary of the death of her husband, Roy, to whom she was married for 53 years.

"The hospice people left on Wednesday, and they didn't think they'd be back," said Mrs. Bledsoe's daughter, Jean Logan. "But she hung on through Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and into Monday, the 27th. They say people have the will to choose their time, and if that's what she was doing — and it may have been — it took a lot of will."

The Bledsoes were a strong, dedicated couple.

"I didn't know how long Peg was going to make it without Roy," said Virginia Kennedy, a family friend.

Jean said although her mother was "bright and capable in her own right," she greatly valued the opinion of her husband, and often would defer important decisions to him.

"She might have traveled more, but that didn't interest my father," Jean said. "She was a wife and mother, and I think she believed her position was secondary."

The Bledsoes' son, Tom, said he remembers his parents having routines and traditions.

"The went to the Cabin (Captain's Cabin, a restaurant on Crooked Lake) on Friday nights. That was their thing," he said.

Jean said the things her mother believed in the most were honesty and trustworthiness.

Mrs. Bledsoe

"Those weren't things that were read about to us from books or anything. It was just what was expected," Jean said. "My mother was scrupulously honest. She believed there was a right and a wrong, and that there was very little gray. She told us if we couldn't say something nice about someone, that we shouldn't say anything at all. She taught us that if we found something on the floor and it wasn't ours, we left it alone. If we took paper routes or jobs, they were responsibilities and commitments that we were expected to take seriously."

In addition to Tom and Jean, the Bledsoes were also the parents of three other children — Donald and Julie; and Joseph, who died in 1990. They had 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. The Bledsoes raised their family on Lake James.

For Mrs. Bledsoe, Jean said, "education was huge." Tom and his mother went to college at the same place at the same time. When Tom was studying at Tri-State University in Angola, Mrs. Bledsoe decided she was going to go back to school, too — and chose TSU.

"She started in 1972, and graduated in 1975," Tom remembered. "I didn't see her around campus much, though. We didn't have the same courses."

Mrs. Bledsoe earned her degree at TSU before her son did.

"She got done first, and she got better grades," Jean said with a smile in her voice.

Tom said his mother's love of education went beyond the classroom.

"She taught us all to swim, and kept very busy with five kids at the lake," he said.

Despite her fierce commitment to marriage and family, Mrs. Bledsoe did work outside the home. She was the clerk-treasurer for the city of Angola for 16 years, retiring on Dec. 31, 1995. She had also been a business teacher at Hamilton High School.

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Elma Boivin

FORT WAYNE — Elma Theresa Boivin, 91, a former resident of Lake Everett, died Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne. She had been a resident there for more than three years.

Mrs. Boivin was born June 1, 1912, in Toledo, Ohio, to Raymond and Veronica (Wanamaker) Murrey.

Mrs. Boivin

She moved to Fort Wayne in 1931, and was married there on Dec. 2, 1931, to Harry E. Boivin. He preceded her in death on Oct. 8, 1981.

The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Fort Wayne before moving to Lake Everett in Lake Township in 1947.

She was the owner and operator of the North Shore Grocery in Lake Everett for 40 years, retiring from there in 1991.

In her leisure time, she enjoyed shopping, praying the Rosary and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Arcola.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Claude Auld of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Susan and Ed Ambrose, Karen Craig, Jack Auld, Cindy and Rick Chappell, Terry and Kim Auld, Debbie and Kevin Noble and Curtis Auld, all of Fort Wayne; 13 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Timothy Kindler; and several brothers and sisters.

James Wappes Sr.

GOSHEN — James W. Wappes Sr., 76, a former resident of Churubusco and more recently of Goshen, died Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at his son's residence in Goshen.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Hile Wappes, on Jan. 19, 1999.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Partrick's Catholic Church, Arcola, with the Rev. Cyril Fernandes officiating.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens of Fort Wayne.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Funeral Home.

Memorials are to St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Robert Ditton

KENDALLVILLE — Robert D. Ditton, 71, of Kendallville, died Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, at his residence in St. Petersburg, Fla, where he had resided the past four years after moving from Kendallville.

Mr. Ditton was born June 20, 1933, in Wabash to Obie and Francis (Richards) Ditton. His mother survives in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ditton

He was a U.S. Marine, serving during the Korean conflict. He had worked as an insurance adjuster for 27 years, and was retired. He had worked as plant manager of the Mahoney Foundation for a couple of years, and was a substitute teacher at East Noble High School.

He served as a past president of his mobile home park in Florida.

Also surviving are five daughters, Chris McLhoe of Fort Wayne and Terri Godde, Darlene Starr, Lori Loveberry and Leslie Sunday, all of Michigan; five sons, Matthew Ditton and his wife Angel, Jeff Ditton and his companion Terra Sinser, and Eric Ditton, all of Kendallville, and Brian Ditton and Danny Obrien, both of Michigan; three sisters, Violet Shaddle and Pete Ditton, both of Fort Wayne, and Glendora Ditton; and 19 grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Weldon Lambright

LAGRANGE — Weldon D. Lambright, 54, of LaGrange, died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004, at St. John Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Lambright was born May 5, 1950, in Sturgis, Mich., to Harold M. and Ruth L. (Miller) Lambright. His mother survives in LaGrange.

He married Mary J. Davidhizar on Sept. 26, 1969, in Shipshewana, and she survives.

He was a farmer and a truck driver for Honeyville Metal in Topeka. A lifetime resident of LaGrange, he was a member of Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Stephanie and Shannon Roth and Cecelia and Jeremy Nuzum, all of LaGrange, and Cindy and Brook Martin of Shipshewana; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Birdena and Louis Bollenbocker of Nappannee, Karen Kotleba of Barrington, Ill., and Marcile and Lewis Lindsey of Bourbon; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Karl and Patricia Lambright of Kendallville, Glendon Lambright of Goshen and Marlin Lambright of Middlebury; and two grandchildren, Adrienne and Ethan Roth, both of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his father on Jan. 11, 2004; a son, Sheldon Lambright, on May 29, 1990; and two brothers, Dennis and Merritt Lambright.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Shore Mennonite Church, with the Rev. Carl Horner and the Rev. Brent Eash officiating. Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday and from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Memorials are to the Care & Share Fund and Shore Mennonite Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange.

Helen Leas

PEORIA, Ariz. — Helen Juanita Mason Leas, 88, of Peoria, Ariz., died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004.

She was born in Auburn on Feb. 15, 1916, to Henry Samuel and Mary Ellen (Myers) Mason and grew up on a farm in rural Auburn.

She married Lyle Spangler Leas in June 1933. They owned and operated Leas' Quality Market on the courthouse square in Auburn. Later, they opened stores in Angola and Garrett.

After a disastrous fire at the Auburn store, they opened Westwood Super Market on West Seventh Street.

Later, they moved to California and retired in Mesa, Ariz.

Mrs. Leas was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Richard Lyle Leas.

Surviving are two daughters, Beverly Jean Leas Timberlin of Peoria, Ariz., and Natalie Elaine Leas Klostermann of Cameron Park, Calif.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at Abel Funeral Services & Chapel in Phoenix.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Norma Thomas

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Norma Jean Louise Thomas, 80, of Leo-Cedarville, died Friday, Oct. 8, 2004, at The Cedars in Leo-Cedarville.

Mrs. Thomas was born in Fort Wayne on July 25, 1924, to William and Jane (Martin) Schoppman.

She married William Thomas on May 26, 1946, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

She was a bookkeeper for the Fort Wayne Ballet.

Also surviving are a son, Kenneth Thomas of Chicago; three daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Scott Sommer of Fort Wayne, April and Kevin Steury of Leo-Cedarville and Christine and Thomas Morrical of Grabill; five grandchildren, Kyle Sommer, Hilary Sommer Biddle, Lucas Steury, Katie Morrical and Chloe Morrical; three great-grandchildren, Zoren Sommer, Maenna Sommer and Elise Biddle; and a sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Max Augspurger of New Haven.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Camron Sommer and Olivia Steury; four sisters and two brothers.

Private family services will be held at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center for Disabled Children & Adults, 3320 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

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Annie Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Annie J. Miller, 79, of Shipshewana, died Friday, Oct. 8, 2004, at Life Care Center in LaGrange, where she had resided since Sept. 29.

Miss Miller was born April 8, 1925, in Goshen, to Joseph J. and Amanda J. (Hershberger) Miller.

She had sold her baked goods to the community, and did house cleaning for several years.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving are four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Elmer and Ida Miller of LaGrange, Jonas and Mabel Miller of Shipshewana, Jacob and Dorothy Miller of White Pigeon, Mich., and Sam Miller of Sheridan, Wyo.; and 16 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Ida Miller and Katie Lambright; a brother, Joseph J. Miller; and four infant brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Vernon Miller residence, 1080 N. C.R. 1150W, Shipshewana, with Bishop Perry L. Bontrager and the home ministers officiating.

Calling is after 2 p.m. today and all day Monday at the Miller residence.

Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery, Middlebury.

Arrangements are being handled by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

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James Wappes Sr.

GOSHEN — James W. Wappes Sr., 76, of Goshen and formerly of Churubusco died at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at his son's Goshen residence. He had been in declining health for the past six weeks, and seriously ill the past week.

He spent his formative years in Ari in Allen County and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1946. He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran.

A resident of Churubusco since 1956, he was employed as a well driller for Gordon & Sloffer in Churubusco for over 30 years.

On March 5, 1928, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Ralph and Hazel (Huffman) Wappes. On Sept. 8, 1956, he married Martha Hile in Fort Wayne. She preceded him in death on Jan. 19, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sherry and James Woodward of Garrett, and Myra Wappes of Churubusco; a son and daughter-in-law, James Jr. and Denise Wappes of Goshen, with whom Mr. Wappes made his home; a sister, Joan Fulk of Kendallville; six grandsons; and a great-grandson.

In addition to his parents and wife, a brother, Ralph Wappes Jr., preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Rick Van Horn, pastor of Believers Bible Fellowship, officiating. Burial with military gravesite rites will be in Fairview Cemetery, northwest of Huntertown.

Calling will be from noon until services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Elkhart General Hospice, 2020 Industrial Parkway, Elkhart, IN 46516.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Beverley Newville

FORT WAYNE — Beverley A. Newville, 69, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Newville had lived in Brooksville, Fla., for the past three years.

She was born Oct. 11, 1934, in Fort Wayne.

She retired from the Fort Wayne Police Department juvenile bureau after 10 years and from D&B Constructors Inc. after five years.

A graduate of South Side High School, she was a member of Leo American Legion Post 409 Auxiliary and belonged to the Parkwood Church of God for 32 years. She also was a member of Sun Coast Christ Church (Disciples of Christ) in Spring Hill, Fla., where she was involved in the Women's Fellowship.

Surviving are her husband of 51 years, James Newville; a daughter, Lori Lynn Tupper, and her life partner, Denny DeWitt, of Spencerville; three sons and two daughters-in-law, James Paul Newville of Fort Wayne, Michael Edward and Susan Newville of Fort Wayne, and Steven Lee and Rose Newville of Flora; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Leanna and Lenn Tupper, Katie and Mike Flaugh, Kevin and Karen Milburn, Todd and Sharon Milburn and Andrea, Joseph and Robert Newville; 11 great-grandchildren; two half-sisters, Mary Wilson and Bonnie Baker; one half-brother, David Ewing; one stepbrother and his wife, John and Bettsy Willard; one stepsister, Sally Theobold; a brother-in-law, Paul Newville; and a sister-in-law, Mitzi Sprauguе.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Parkwood Church of God, 3320 Trier Road.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in IOFF Cemetery at New Haven.

Memorials are to Shriners' Children's Hospital.

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Fall kills area horse rider

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PLEASANT LAKE — Helping people, riding horses, being outdoors and spending quality time with his family. That's what Fred Smith liked to do.

And that's what he was doing when he had a tragic accident Sunday while riding his horse at the Taking The Reins Against Cancer fund-raising horse ride at the Anthony Wayne Boy Scout Camp near Pleasant Lake. It was an accident that would cost Smith his life.

Smith and his horse, his wife Benay said, "were running down the road and his foot and stirrup got caught in another horse and he must have lost his balance and fell."

Smith

Smith sustained severe head trauma in the fall. Parkview Hospital's Samaritan Helicopter was called to the scene. He was flown to Parkview in Fort Wayne, where he died a short time later.

"It was a freak accident. A freak, freak accident," Benay said.

Smith, a 1989 Prairie Heights High School graduate, was employed at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, as a housekeeping supervisor and facilities technician. Prior to that, he and Benay owned Smith's Auto Detailing and Here's Your Sign in Angola for about six years.

Smith also leaves behind two daughters, Bryelle, 11, and Brennica, 8.

"He liked to help people, yes," said Benay. The couple had celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary last month.

Fred and Benay had been involved with the benefit ride sponsored by the LaGrange Horse and Pony Club for the past three years. Pulling from his 10 years of experience as a firefighter and first responder with the Salem Center Fire Department, Fred not only rode his horse in the event, he was on hand in the event of an accident.

"He volunteered as a first responder, just in case anyone had an accident," Benay said.

Ironically, it was Smith, 33, who had the accident. It occurred just before 4 p.m.

Riding horses, hunting, fishing in the ponds on the family property in rural Hudson and being with his wife and children were big parts of Smith's life.

"He just loved the outdoors," Benay said.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. A memorial fund has been established at First Federal Savings Bank of Angola. Cancer ride organizers are planning a benefit for the family.

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Longtime bakery owner Harry Foltz Jr., 83, dies

LAGRANGE — Harry E. "Bud" Foltz Jr., 83, of LaGrange died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004, at South Bend Memorial Hospital, South Bend, after a brief illness.

He was the former owner of Foltz Bakery in LaGrange from 1946 to 1993, and moved to LaGrange from South Bend in 1936.

On June 12, 1921, in Canton, Ohio, he was born to Harry E. and Cora A. (Weir) Foltz. He married Mary Orlou Slack on June 27, 1948, in LaGrange. She survives.

He graduated from LaGrange High School in 1939, and Miami of Ohio University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1943. He was a Boy Scout and received the rank of Eagle Scout. He spent winter months at his home in Naples, Fla.

Mr. Foltz was a U.S. Army World War II veteran, a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Meridian Sun Lodge No. 76 F&AM.

He was also past president and a former member of the LaGrange Rotary Club, past president and a former member of the LaGrange Retail Merchants Association, former director of the American Bakers Association, past president and a former member of the Indiana Retail Bakers Association, and a retired director of Farmers State Bank in LaGrange from 1978-1996.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two daughters and sons-in law, Patricia and Steve Parker of Orland Park, Ill., and Nancy and David Hill of Dallas, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, James W. and Judy Foltz of Indianapolis; a sister, Catherine Powell of North Canton, Ohio; and nine grandchildren, Kyle, David and Benjamin Parker of Orland Park, Ill., Katie, Rachel and Adrienne Bystry of Dallas, Texas, and Danielle, Adam and Allison Foltz of Indianapolis.

In addition to his parents, a sister, Ellen Leslie, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dan Engber officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 10 a.m. until memorial services at the church.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Food and Clothes Basket.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Frederick Smith II

HUDSON — Frederick A. Smith II, 33, of Hudson died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith was born Dec. 15, 1970, in Fort Wayne, to Frederick A. and Carroll (Brees) Smith. Both his parents survive in rural Hudson. He married Benay Noll on Sept. 19, 1992, in Angola, and she survives.

He had worked at Parkview Noble Hospital for the past year and a half. He formerly owned Smith's Auto Detailing and Here's Your Sign, both in Angola.

He attended New Life Worship Center in Angola, and was a former member of the Salem Volunteer Fire Department. He loved horses, and was a coach with Stroh Little League. He was a 1989 graduate of Prairie Heights High School.

Also surviving are two daughters, Bryelle and Brennica Smith, both at home; three sisters, Judy Stutzman and Vickey Hamer, both of Hudson, and Barbara Germano of Fort Wayne; and his mother and father-in-law, Gary and Jan Noll of Angola.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hudson United Brethren Church, with the Rev. Robert Sims officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and at the church one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to the education funds for Mr. Smith's children, in care of First Federal Savings Bank of Angola.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

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Weldon Shaffer

ASHLEY — Weldon "Gene" Shaffer, 73, of Ashley died Monday, Oct. 11, 2004, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Shaffer

Mr. Shaffer worked as a mechanic at Dunn Brothers in Waterloo for 40 years and retired after working at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for nine years. He also served as a Waterloo Police reserve for 14 years and was a member of the Naval Reserves based in Fort Wayne for 17 years.

He was born Jan. 18, 1931, in Garrett to Ralph and Maude (Williams) Shaffer. His second mother was Lulu (Uhl) Shaffer.

On July 22, 1951, he married Mona (Boyd) Shaffer. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and four daughters-in-law, Hubert "Butch" and Jennifer Shaffer of Auburn, Junior and Sue Shaffer of Ashley, Steven and Dianna Shaffer of Ashley, Jeffery and Melissa Shaffer of Ashley; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Roxanne and Tony Robertson of Ashley and Natalie and Randy DePew of Ashley; two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Paul and Betty Shaffer of Kendallville and Robert and Phyllis Shaffer of Waterloo; one sister, Virginia Castator of Boynton Beach, Fla.; and 11 grandchildren and three spouses, Trent and McKenzie Shaffer, Benjamin and Arin Shaffer, Eric Shaffer and Anna Hicov, Dusti Shaffer, Allegra Shaffer, Heather Shaffer, Nathan Shaffer, Brandi Shaffer, Tyler Shaffer, Cassy DePew and Natasha DePew.

Mr. Shaffer was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Steven Shaffer II and Randy DePew Jr.; three brothers, Harry Shaffer, Lewis "Bud" Shaffer and Richard Shaffer; and four sisters, Dorothy Kemery, Ruth Billingsley, Phyllis Best and Mildred Traster.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be at Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Rosemary Moore

AUBURN — Rosemary Moore, 83, of Auburn died Monday, Oct. 11, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Moore

Mrs. Moore worked for Armstrong Floral in Butler and Broadview Lumber in Auburn. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn and its women's society.

She had belonged to DeKalb County Home Extension and Indiana Extension Homemakers since 1949, serving as a past secretary-treasurer of the Fort Wayne District. She also was a past board member of the National Extension Homemakers Council.

She was a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Auburn and the DeKalb Sewing Club. She volunteered at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

She was born Dec. 29, 1920, in Valparaiso to Walter and Rose (Gast) Jacobs.

She married Rex Moore on Aug. 5, 1939, in Valparaiso. He died March 14, 1998.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kristi and Eddie Marks of Madisonville, Ky., and Lori and Tony Moore-Heidrich of Spencerville; three brothers, Norman Jacobs and Robert Jacobs, both of Valparaiso, and Allen Jacobs of Florida; one sister, Francis Moore of Valparaiso; a one son-in-law, Thomas Cook of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Rex Cook and Tessa Cook, both of Orlando, Fla.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Lyn Cook.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Auburn.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Graceland Cemetery at Valparaiso.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Rex Moore Music Mentor fund of the DeKalb Music Association or the DeKalb Home Extension Club.

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Alice Reinhard

FORT WAYNE — Alice E. Reinhard, 86, of Fort Wayne died at 1:10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Reinhard

A longtime member of the Gospel Temple in Fort Wayne, Miss Reinhard also was a member of Blackhawk Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

After graduating from Kirkland High School in 1935, she went on to attend West Suburban Teaching Hospital, graduating in 1942 as a registered nurse. Holding the rank of 1st lieutenant, she served as a nurse in the South Pacific during World War II from 1942-1945.

She was born Feb. 4, 1918, in Adams County to Adolph and Lydia (Meyer) Reinhard.

Surviving are two sisters, Esther Lehman of Berne and Ruth Dynes of Geneva; one brother and two sisters-in-law, Howard and Ilene Reinhard of Craigville and Agnes Reinhard of Berne; and 18 nieces and nephews. Also surviving are Carlton, Julia, "Little Nathan" and "Little Carleen" of Hamilton, who affectionately call her "Grandma Alice."

She was preceded in death by her brother, Carl Reinhard, and her sister, Mary Reinhard.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt and Chaney Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton, with the Carlton Reinhard family officiating. Burial will be at MRE Cemetery in Berne.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home

Memorials are to WBCL radio, The Salvation Army or World Vision.

Scott Livingston

MIDDLEBURY — Scott A. Livingston, 44, died unexpectedly at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004, at his residence.

Mr. Livingston

He had worked for 22 years at Syndicate in Middlebury, and was currently working for Louisiana Pacific in Middlebury.

In Elkhart on Sept. 20, 1960, he was born to Jack and Toni (Grant) Garman. Both survive in Manistee, Mich. On May 28, 1989, he married Tamie Feathers at Bonneyville Park, Bristol. She survives.

He lived in the Middlebury area all his life, and loved playing the drums, playing recently at the Middlebury Summer Festival and the Bristol Homecoming. He also enjoyed mushroom hunting and woodworking.

Surviving in addition to his wife and parents are three daughters and a son-in-law, Melissa and Tim VanDer-Heyden, Kristi Livingston and Canda Livingston, all of Middlebury; three sisters and a son-in-law, Vicky (Garman) Jackson and Jacque (Garman) Yoder, both of Elkhart, and Ron and Kelley (Livingston) Masters of Lizton, Ind.; a brother, Gary Lambdin of Manistee, Mich.; two grandmothers and a spouse, Betty and Chuck Weber and Grace Anglin, all of Elkhart; a grandfather, Ralph Grant of White Pigeon, Mich.; and two granddaughters.

His father, Vern Livingston, and a grandmother, Betty Grant, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with Sister Maxine McGee, S.S.J., of St. Joseph Catholic Church, White Pigeon, Mich., and brother-in-law Ron Masters officiating.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the family.

Agnes Schroeder

NEW HAVEN — Agnes F. Schroeder, 88, of New Haven died Friday, Oct. 8, 2004, in Hamilton.

Mrs. Schroeder was born in Fort Wayne. She retired from Fort Wayne Community Schools in 1978 after 20 years. She was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Schroeder

Surviving are two daughters, Sandra Sue Wareing of Hamilton and Connie Leeper of Phoenix; two grandsons and a granddaughter-in-law, Charles Hamilton of Fremont and Robert and Angela Hamilton of Fort Wayne; and 4 great grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her husband Alvin in 1982; a grandson, and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were Monday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven.

Burial was in Concordia Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Concordia Lutheran Church.

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Margurette Hart

ANDREWS, N.C. — Margurette Mae McDaniel Hart, 80, of Andrews, N.C., died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004, in a Murphy, N.C. hospital.

Mrs. Hart was born Jan.14, 1924, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Samuel Edwin and Inez Adilla (Harmon) McDaniel. She married William Junior Hart on Dec. 24, 1941, and he died on April 12, 1999.

She graduated from Montpelier High School in Montpelier in 1942. She moved to Angola in 1957, and then to Andrews in December 1999. She was a cosmetologist, graduating from the Ravenscroft School of Cosmetology in Fort Wayne in 1974.

She was a member of the Pokagon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, being a past regent. She was also a member of the Moose Lodge, the Steuben County Business Women's Association, and the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Angola.

Surviving are a daughter, Christine Souder of Andrews; three sons, William Hart of Angola, John Hart of San Ramon, Costa Rica, and Richard Hart of Bonney Lake, Wash.; a sister, Ida Mary Kunsman of Edon, Ohio; six grandchildren, William Hart Hexburg of California, Jaime Hart Garcia of Montpelier, Samantha Hart of Fort Wayne, Robin Snidle of Garrett and D'Artagnon and Richard Hart both of Bonney Lake, N.C.; and two great grandchildren, Anastasia and Nikolas, both of Garrett.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Trudy Hart, in November 1946; two sisters, Pauline Ickes and Ruby Harris; and three brothers, Raymond McDaniel, Robert McDaniel and Samuel McDaniel.

Memorial services are 3 p.m. Indiana time on Oct. 24 at the Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home in Montpelier. Calling will be Oct. 24 from 2 to 3 p.m. Indiana time.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier.

Arrangements are being handled by Ivie Funeral Home, Andrews.

Memorials are to the Pokagon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mina Ronberg

AUBURN — Mina M. Ronberg, 96, of Auburn died Monday, Oct. 11, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Born in Carland, Mich., she was a homemaker and a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter, Beverly Lentz of Auburn; a son, Gary Ronberg of St. Louis, Mo.; a brother, Clarence "Sam" Gates of Michigan; a sister, Lee Ruth of Lansing, Mich.; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Millard; two brothers, Stanley and Fred Gates; and two sisters, Mildred Reid and Dorothy Kogut.

Memorial services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from at 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Church of Christ, Scientist, Fort Wayne.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to add a survivor.*

Robert Ditton

KENDALLVILLE — Robert D. Ditton, 71, of Kendallville died Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, at his residence in St. Petersburg, Fla, where he had resided the past four years after moving from Kendallville.

Mr. Ditton

Mr. Ditton was born June 20, 1933, in Wabash to Obie and Francis (Richards) Ditton. His mother survives in Fort Wayne.

He was a U.S. Marine, serving during the Korean conflict. He had worked as an insurance adjuster for 27 years, and was retired. He had worked as plant manager of the Mahoney Foundation for a couple of years, and was a substitute teacher at East Noble High School.

He served as a past president of his mobile home park in Florida.

Also surviving are six daughters, Chris McLhoe of Fort Wayne and Terri Godde, Darlene Starr, Lori Loveberry, Leslie Sunday and Robbie Sennish, all of Michigan; five sons, Matthew Ditton and his wife Angel, Jeff Ditton and his companion Terra Sinser, and Eric Ditton, all of Kendallville, and Brian Ditton and Danny Obrien, both of Michigan; three sisters, Violet Shaddle and Pete Ditton, both of Fort Wayne, and Glendora Ditton; and 19 grandchildren.

Memorial services were at 10 a.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating.

Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

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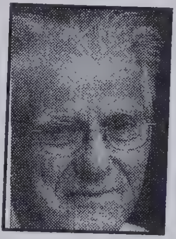
Harry Cross

MIDDLEBURY — Harry Cross, 86, of Middlebury died at 10:20 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, on his son Jay Devon Cross' property. His death was unexpected and due to natural causes.



Mr. Cross

He had lived in the Middlebury area since 1925.

On Aug. 7, 1918, in Midland, Mich., he was born to George and Fannie (Eash) Cross. In Haven, Kan., on June 8, 1944, he married Katie Yoder. She survives.

He helped area farmers with farming and milking, and worked for several years at Kropf Manufacturing. He also worked at the Middlebury Creamery, and most recently at Fork's County Line in Middlebury.

Mr. Cross was a member of Clinton Brick Mennonite Church where he had been a deacon and taught Sunday School. He was an avid trottingbred participant for many years and was inducted into the International Trotting and Pacing Association Hall of Fame in the 1980s.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter and son-in-law, Sue Ellen and Denny Pletcher of Wakarusa; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jay Devon and Pam Cross and Steven Ray and Darlene Cross, all of Middlebury; two brothers and a sister-in-law, William Cross and Dan and Shirley Cross, all of Goshen; and five grandsons.

In addition to his parents, a daughter, Shirley Ann Cross, preceded him in death in 1963. A stillborn son and daughter, five brothers and two sisters also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Griner Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with the Revs. Ron Kennel and Stanley Miller, both of Clinton Brick Mennonite Church, officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Clinton Brick Mennonite Church, Goshen.

Memorials are to the church.

Ruby Schurr

HUDSON — Ruby Schurr, 85, of Hudson died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, at 1:49 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Schurr had lived in Hudson for 59 years. She married Paul Schurr on Feb. 6, 1937, and the couple owned and operated Schurr Strike Bait Store in Helmer, now known as the Angler. She was an avid baseball and basketball fan.

She was born Sept. 9, 1919, in Garrett, to Frank and Bertha (Rowe) Tuttle. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Paul, of Hudson; a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Judith Schurr of Hudson; a grandson, Kelly Schurr, and his wife, Marlene, of Coldwater, Mich.; a stepgreat-grandson, Preston Berry of Coldwater; and a sister, Marvel Esherman of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Bill Lepley officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct information provided to the newspaper.*

Frederick Smith II

HUDSON — Frederick A. Smith II, 33, of Hudson died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith was born Dec. 15, 1970, in Fort Wayne, to Frederick A. and Carroll (Brees) Smith. Both his parents survive in rural Hudson. He married Benay Noll on Sept. 19, 1992, in Angola, and she survives.

Mr. Smith

He had worked at Parkview Noble Hospital for the past year and a half.

He formerly owned Smith's Auto Detailing and Here's Your Sign, both in Angola.

He attended New Life Worship Center in Angola, and was a former member of the Salem Volunteer Fire Department.

He loved horses, and was a coach with Stroh Little League.

Also surviving are two daughters, Bryelle and Brennica Smith, both at home; three sisters, Janet Stutzman and Vickey Hamer, both of Hudson, and Barbara Germano of Fort Wayne; and his mother and father-in-law, Gary and Jan Noll of Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Hudson United Brethren Church, with the Rev. Robert Sims officiating. Calling will be today at the church one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to the education funds for Mr. Smith's children, care of First Federal Savings Bank, Angola.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

A. Maxine Voirol

AVILLA — A. Maxine Voirol, 86, of Avilla died Monday, Oct. 11, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Voirol was a homemaker and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born May 2, 1918, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Charles and Irene (Heckler) Emenhiser. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Arthur E. Voirol on Aug. 7, 1937, in New Haven. He died May 8, 2001.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Dennis and Sandra Voirol of Harlan, Duane and Nancy Voirol of Auburn, Terry and Joyce Voirol of LaGrange and Timothy Voirol of Spencerville; a daughter-in-law, Evelyn Voirol of Ney, Ohio; three brothers, Jerry Emenhiser of Butler, Stanley Emenhiser of Spencerville and Michael Emenhiser of Woodburn; five sisters, Bertha Gerardot of Payne, Ohio, Mary Geesaman of Fort Wayne, Lois Peterson of Fremont, Ruth Wonderly of Hicksville, Ohio, and Gloria Inlow of Fort Wayne; 16 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 12 stepgreat-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Stanley Stephen Voirol; a daughter, Nadine Collette Voirol; five brothers; and a sister.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with the Rev. Charles Herman officiating.

Burial will be in St. Louis Besancon Cemetery at New Haven.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses or the activity department at Sacred Heart Home.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information about family members.*

Alice Reinhard

FORT WAYNE — Alice E. Reinhard, 86, of Fort Wayne died at 1:10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Miss Reinhard

A longtime member of the Gospel Temple in Fort Wayne, Miss Reinhard also was a member of Blackhawk Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

After graduating from Kirkland High School in 1935, she went on to attend West Suburban Teaching Hospital, graduating in 1942 as a registered nurse. Holding the rank of 1st lieutenant, she served as a nurse in the South Pacific during World War II from 1942-1945.

She was born Feb. 4, 1918, in Adams County to Adolph and Lydia (Meyer) Reinhard.

Surviving are two sisters, Esther Lehman of Berne and Ruth Dynes of Geneva; a brother and sister-in-law, Howard and Ilene Reinhard of Craigville; a sister-in-law, Agnes Reinhard of Berne; and 18 nieces and nephews. Also surviving are Carlton, Julia, "Little Nathan" and "Little Carleen" of Hamilton, who affectionately call her "Grandma Alice."

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Carl Reinhard, Arnold Reinhard, Herman Reinhard, Harry Reinhard; and two sisters, Mary Reinhard and Grace Nussbaum.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt and Chaney Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton, with the Carlton Reinhard family officiating. Burial will be at MRE Cemetery in Berne.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home

Memorials are to WBCL radio, The Salvation Army or World Vision.

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Boy's prank turns tragic

Family decided to remove boy from life support on Wednesday

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KENDALLVILLE — A prank turned tragic for a 12-year-old Kendallville Middle School student this week.

Joseph "Joey" Sparkman, 12, was pronounced dead at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne Wednesday after being removed from life support following a Monday evening incident at his Country Club Hills home, according to the Kendallville Police Department.

According to the Allen County Coroner's Office, the manner of death has been ruled accidental. The cause of death has been ruled asphyxia due to strangulation.

Emergency responders were called to the scene at 9:05 p.m. Monday.

According to Kendallville Police Department Detective Lance Waters, Sparkman had a history of playing a prank in a family member's room. The prank involved draperies hung from a four-poster bed. The boy would wrap the drapes around his neck to startle family members.

"This is something he had done in the past," Waters said.

Waters said the mother had repeatedly scolded the boy for the prank.

On Monday, the boy apparently lost consciousness while in a kneeling position on the floor while again playing the prank. When he lost consciousness, his full body weight caused the decorative drapery to cut off his air supply.

Joey Sparkman

He was found by a family member five to 10 minutes after becoming unconscious, Waters said.

The family immediately began efforts to revive the boy.

According to Waters, he was taken to the hospital where his heart started beating again, but he was unable to breathe on his own. He never regained consciousness.

The family made the decision to remove the boy from life support on Wednesday.

"He would never, ever do this on purpose," his mother, Angela Nordman, said. "He was too happy, he had too much to live for.

"He was the class clown. He was so funny. He was always making everyone laugh. If I was ever down, he could always put a smile on my face."

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Kendallville Middle School principal Jim Taylor made an announcement to the students this morning. Three school corporation counselors and the corporation social worker are on hand at KMS today to talk to any student who needs them.

They covered Sparkman's locker with paper and put a huge piece of paper on the wall across from the locker. Kids can write on the papers to express their feelings to the family.

The school is taking donations for a tree that they will plant in Sparkman's memory next spring in Bixler Lake Park.

Sparkman was a student council representative last year.

"He got along with everyone," Taylor said. "He was very respectful and had a heart of gold.

"He wanted everyone to laugh. He always had a smile on his face," he continued. "He was all boy. I won't say he was mischievous, but he was certainly all boy."

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Carol Studebaker

WAWAKA — Carol May Studebaker, 78, of Wawaka died at 11:44 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Mrs. Studebaker

She had been employed as a cashier and bookkeeper for West Noble Schools, and was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church in Ligonier.

On May 24, 1926, in South Bend, she was born to Oscar B. and Effie F. (Bishop) Fields. On June 27, 1946, in South Bend, she married Vernon Studebaker. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Mrs. Studebaker had lived in Noble County since 1965. She was a member of the United Methodist Women, Hope Circle and Elkettes Homemakers Club, and she was active in Nomads, an organization helping to give aid to disaster areas. She enjoyed camping, traveling and her family, and with her late husband had wintered in Florida for many years.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Donald Ray and Penny Studebaker of South Carolina, William Jay and Joan Studebaker of Wawaka, and John Dale Studebaker of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Sue and Doug Schieber of Wawaka; two brothers, James Robert Fields of Bloomington, and Loyal E. Fields of Plymouth; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, her parents and a great-grandson preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Beverly McDowell

AKRON, Ohio — Beverly Ann McDowell, 54, of Akron, Ohio, died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004.

She was born Nov. 16, 1949, in Chicago.

Surviving are her husband, Delbert, of Akron; three stepchildren, Bryant, April and Paula of Virginia; three stepgrandchildren, Benjamin, David and Lindsay of Virginia; three brothers, Mike Arnold of Angola, Kenny Arnold of Fort Wayne and Denny Arnold of Auburn; five sisters, Michele Kirch of Tucson, Ariz., Karen Brown of Waterloo, Cherrie Nelson of Auburn, Marina Marble of Phoenix, Ariz., and Carol Lowther of Akron; her uncles and aunts, Dick and Margaret Arnold of Chicago, Patti Hutchinson of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Rueie Guthrie of Akron; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friends, Mary, Donna, Toot and Renee, all of Akron.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert W. and Lois M. Arnold.

Services have taken place. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery at Akron.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Rebecca Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Rebecca C. Yoder, 4 months, of Shipshewana died at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at her residence of natural causes.

On May 21, 2004, she was born to Calvin and Edna (Bontrager) Yoder in New Eden Care Center, Topeka. They survive.

Also surviving are five sisters and a brother-in-law, Vera and Jason Schwartz of Nappanee, and Pollyanna, Luella, Marilyn and Susie Yoder, all at home; seven brothers and a sister-in-law, Perry and LaVerda Yoder of Shipshewana, and Eugene, Kenneth, Lamar, Larry, Merle and Dennis Yoder, all at home; grandparents, Monroe and Susie (Lehman) Yoder of Shipshewana; a grandmother, Mary W. Bontrager of Macomb, Ill.; a niece; and many uncles, aunts and cousins.

A grandfather, two uncles, two aunts and four cousins preceded her in death.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family residence with Bishop Elmer Yoder and home ministers of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 9 a.m. Friday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph Sparkman

KENDALLVILLE — Joseph L. Sparkman, 12, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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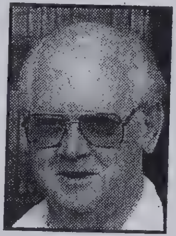
C. Dale Eddingfield

WATERLOO — C. Dale Eddingfield, 84, of Waterloo died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.


Mr. Eddingfield

Mr. Eddingfield was a railroad conductor for Penn Central for 40 years. He retired in 1982. He served in World War II as a private first class in the Army.

He was a lifetime member of the Huntington Veterans of Foreign Wars; a member of Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church, Auburn American Legion Post 97; Fort Wayne Division Veteran Association of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

He was born Nov. 21, 1919, in Huntington to Roy L. and Elizabeth E. (Byrd) Eddingfield. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Marguerite M. (Burns) Eddingfield on Feb. 18, 1939, in Marion. His wife survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are one son, Tim D. Eddingfield of Potsdam, Ohio; three daughters, Cherry V. Eddingfield of Angola, Jean A. Eddingfield of Waterloo and Joyce Lehman of Silver Lake; four grandchildren, Chris Eddingfield, Tina Holiday, J. Gordon Lehman and Robert Lehman; and three great grandsons, Catylan Helmuth, Doug Holiday and Drew Holiday.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Rev. Darvin Suter officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery with a military graveside service by Auburn American Legion Post 97.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Meredith Borntrager

MIDDLEBURY — Meredith J. Borntrager, 55, of Middlebury died at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital's emergency room from complications of her four-year battle with leukemia.

Mrs. Borntrager

On June 11, 1949, in Goshen, she was born to Herman J. and Ida (MIller) Bontrager. Her mother survives in Middlebury. On Oct. 18, 1969, in Goshen, she married Larry Borntrager. He survives.

She was a homemaker, and was self-employed for six years at Meredith's Interiors.

Mrs. Borntrager enjoyed being a mother, grandmother and friend to all.

Surviving in addition to her mother and husband are two daughters and sons-in-law, Ivania and Mike Miller of Bristol, and Sonia and Michael Schatzlein of Indianapolis; three sons, Tony Bontrager of Middlebury, and Chad and Chris Bontrager, both of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Julia and Ken Miller of Sturgis, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Rich and Julie Bontrager of Goshen, and Jerry and Ruby Bontrager of Middlebury; and five grandchildren.

Her father preceded her in death on Oct. 11, 2003.

Graveside services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Miller Cemetery, Goshen, followed by a public memorial service at 11 a.m. and fellowship at Siloam Fellowship, corner of C.R. 35 and S.R. 4, Goshen. Rabbi Israel Gettinger of the Hebrew Orthodox Synagogue, South Bend, will be officiating.

A private family viewing will be Friday morning at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Ronald McDonald House or Magen David Adom "The Israeli Red Cross."

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Edgar Long

KENDALLVILLE — Edgar R. Long, 88, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at his home

Mr. Long

Mr. Long was the original owner of the H&L Taxi service which he started 50 years ago in Kendallville. He also owned Long's Antiques and was a farmer.

He had driven a truck for Trans American trucking company and Brady Trucking Co. and retired in 1975 from Smith Trucking.

He enjoyed doing carpentry work, traveling, vacationing and was an avid fisherman.

Mr. Long was born Sept. 19, 1916 in Churubusco to Louie L. and Blondena (Steel) Long. On March 11, 1939, in Albion, he married Mae Addis. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marcella Jean and Charles Max Hoover and Sharon and Daryl Bell, all of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Ed and Sherri Long of LaOtto; two grandsons and their wives, Eric and Kim Bell of Avilla and James and Teresa VanAuken of Ligonier; seven granddaughters and their husbands, Julie Weber of Pulaski, Tenn., Beth Patrick of Waterloo, Wendy and Del Combs of Wolf Lake, Casey Longof Avilla and Kristin and Andrew Hampshire, Stacy and Chris Poling and Teena and Brad Newport, all of Kendallville; and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Lee Long, and two great-grandsons.

Services were Saturday at Wayne Center United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Memorials are to Wayne Center United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Albert Knoblauch

FREMONT — Albert W. Knoblauch, 91, of Fremont and formerly of Woodburn died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Knoblauch was born Nov. 29, 1912, in Woodburn, to Ernst and Lilly Knoblauch. He was retired from International Harvester, where he worked as a machinist.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in World War II. He was a member of Lake George Lutheran Chapel, Angola American Legion Post No. 31 in Angola, and was a former member of American Legion posts in Woodburn and Leo.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Ruth Knoblauch of New Haven; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Snowden Wells of Spencerville and Barbara and Robert Schultz of Torrance, Calif.; a sister, Margaret Spurgat of Lewes, Del.; two brothers, Ernst Knoblauch of San Bernadeno, Calif., and Frederick Knoblauch of Woodburn; a special friend, Gertie Bergi; 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Della (Bradtmueller) Knoblauch, in 1994; a grandson; three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday at Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and also an hour before services.

Burial will be in Christ Lutheran Cemetery, Woodburn.

Memorials are to Lake George Lutheran Chapel or donor's choice.

Julia Yoder

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Julia Ann Yoder, 87, of Hicksville died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at Hickory Creek of Hicksville.

Mrs. Yoder was a member of Lost Creek Mennonite Church and worked at Sheller Globe until her retirement.

She was born Oct. 3, 1917, in Daviess County, Ind., to William and Elizabeth (Wagler) Gingrich.

She married John Henry Yoder on April 19, 1937. He died in 1991.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Pauline and William Ames of Defiance, Ohio, Verda Turner of Hicksville and Shirley Stayer of Michigan; six sons and five daughters-in-law, Lavern and Veronica of Hicksville, Ed and Mary of St. Joe, Lester and Lenare of St. Joe, Jesse of Hicksville, Calvin and Kay of St. Joe and Leonard and Loretta of Butler; 26 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Lydia Kaufman; and five brothers, Pete, Jake, Herman, Joe and Bill Gingrich.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Terry Lee Yoder; a grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Clarence and George Gingrich; and a sister, Elizabeth Troyer.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at the Hicksville Mennonite Church. Minister Steve Eicher will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery near Harlan.

Calling will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. (Indiana times) at the church.

Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville is handling arrangements.

Glenn Warfield

GARRETT — Glenn A. "Ike" Warfield, 70, of Garrett died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at 1:40 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

A lifetime resident of Garrett, he was a printer at the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette for 29 years, retiring in 1994. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn.

He was born July 1, 1934, in Garrett to Douglas and Guilo (Cornwell) Warfield.

He married Mary E. Baughman on Sept. 25, 1958, in Auburn. She survives.

Also suriving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael L. Warfield of Garrett and Danny L. and Jacqueline Warfield of Leo; a brother, Gary Warfield of Waterloo; a sister, Susan Wise of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Douglas Warfield; and a sister, Dorothy Claxton.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett. Pastor Jeffrey Horn will officiate. The Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct military graveside services.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Joseph Sparkman

KENDALLVILLE — Joseph L. Sparkman, 12, died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Joey Sparkman

He was born Dec. 5, 1991, to Dwayne and Angela (Chaffins) Sparkman.

He was a seventh-grade student at Kendallville Middle School. He attended the Harbor of Love Baptist Church, Kendallville.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Angela and Jack Nordman of Kendallville; his father, Dwayne Sparkman of Rome City; a brother, Joshua Sparkman of Kendallville; a sister, Ashlynn Sparkman of Kendallville; two stepsisters, Cassy Nordman and Amanda Nordman, both of Columbia City; a stepbrother, J.J. Nordman of Fort Wayne; his maternal grandmother and stepgrandfather, Shelby and Walt Pogue of Avilla; his maternal grandfather, Herbert Chaffins of Kendallville; and his paternal grandparents, Bernice and Jack Coburn of Bloomington.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Gordon McHenry Sr.

NEW HAVEN — Gordon M. McHenry Sr., 76, of New Haven died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A self-employed contractor, he also was employed by Bercot for two years. He was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church of New Haven.

Surviving are his wife, Irene; children Diane and Mike Hook of New Haven, Sue Klotz of New Haven, Dan and Joan McHenry of Phoenix, David and Jeane McHenry of New Haven, Gordon McHenry Jr. and Nancy McHenry of New Haven, Douglas and Kathy McHenry of Fremont and Dennis and Angie McHenry of Auburn; brothers William and Richard, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Phyllis Hale of Fort Wayne; his mother, Wilma McHenry of Fort Wayne; 23 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his father, Cecil McHenry, and a grandson, Cole.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Emanuel Lutheran Church, 800 Green St., New Haven, with calling one hour before the service. Burial will be at Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery in New Haven.

Additional calling will be today from 4 to 9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven.

Memorials are to the Central Lutheran School building fund.

Robert Brant

FORT WAYNE — Robert James Brant, 65, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at Select Specialty Hospital of Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native was a mechanical engineer with Ford Motor Co. for 17 years. He graduated from South Side High School, GE Apprentice School and Purdue University. He was a member of the Salvation Army. He attended Elmhurst Church of the Nazarene, where he taught the teen Sunday School class.

Survivors include his wife, Carol of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Scott Wyatt of Fort Wayne and Della and Stephen Westrick of Farmington, Minn.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Randal and Nancy Brant of New Haven, Gregory Brant of Fort Wayne and Rex and Reba Brant of Kendallville; 33 grandhcildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Joan Belle McOmber.

Services will be 2 p.m. Oct. 23 at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Oct. 22 and an hour before services Oct. 23. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Memorials are to Elmhurst Church of the Nazarene.

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Mary Easterday

ALBION — Mary Mae Easterday, 80, of Albion died at 10:35 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, in Avalon Village, Ligonier.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Albion and Albion Fire Department Auxiliary. She enjoyed doll-making and collecting. She was also a past Boy and Girl Scout leader.

She was born March 29, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Margaret (Kanning) Foster. She married Robert Easterday on Jan. 27, 1942, in Albion. He preceded her in death Sept. 19, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Juliana and Tony Price of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark Easterday and Jerry Lee and Dorothy Easterday, all of Albion; a brother, Charles Foster Jr. of Fremont; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandhcildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two daughters, Katerene and Debra.

Memorial services are Sunday at 3 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier with the Rev. Dave Kushman officiating.

Calling will be from 2-3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Albion Fire Department.

Keith Boyd

LAKELAND, Fla. — Keith Raymond Boyd, 64, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Lakeland, Fla.

He moved to Lakeland from Mishawaka, Ind., in 1973. He was an engineer for GTE, where he had worked for 25 years. He managed Pest Defense Systems in Polk County for five years. He was a member of Grove Park Christian Church, Lakeland.

He was born Sept. 27, 1940, in LaGrange.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Boyd; two daughters, Sherrie L. Boyd of Atlanta, Ga., and Jacqueline B. Davis of Talbotton, Ga.; two sisters, Greta Barroquillo of Wolcottville and Mary Ann Ernsberger of Brushy Prairie; a twin brother, Kenneth Boyd of N. Augusta, S.C.; three stepgrandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Grove Park Christian Church, 2025 Bartow Road, Lakeland, FL 33801.

Calling will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Heath Funeral Chapel, 328 S. Ingraham Ave., Lakeland.

Memorials may be made to Grove Park Christian Church.

Jonathan Faulkner

FORT WAYNE — Jonathan E. Faulkner, 33, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, losing his fight with cystic fibrosis.

Mr. Faulkner worked at Auto Zone. He was born March 15, 1971, in Newport, R.I.

Surviving are his parents, Mark and Peggy Brown of Huntington; a sister, Maegan Place of Garrett; two nieces, Alexis Tracey and Madison Place; and his grandparents, Robert and Barbara Faulkner of Fort Wayne.

Private family services will be held. The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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Garland Shively

Mr. Shively

COLDWATER, Mich. — Garland Shively, 96, of Coldwater, Mich., died Friday, Oct. 15, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

He farmed in the Angola area until 1960. He was a painter of homes, barns and cottages and he had worked in Phoenix for 10 years where he did painting for Mariott Resorts. In 1970, he moved to Clarksville, Ark., for five years and then moved back to Angola. He moved to Coldwater in 1996.

He was a member of the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, and the Angola Moose and Knights of Columbus.

He was born Dec. 28, 1907, in Marion County, Ky., to Steven and Maimie (Jarboe) Shively.

On Feb. 19, 1929, he married Essie Wise. She died March 11, 1992.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Wanda Shively of Fremont; a daughter, Norma Jean Worthington of Coldwater Lake, Mich.; eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Preceding him in death in addition to his parents and wife were one grandson, Gregory Shively, in 1981; one great-grandson, Steven Chad Shively, in 2001; one sister, Josephine Wise; and three half-brothers, Abe, Ed and Rosco Shively.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be at South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. A prayer service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Gregory Shively Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Chad Shively Scholarship Fund or Ronald McDonald House.

Patricia Babcock

Mrs. Babcock

AUBURN — Patricia A. Babcock, 65, of Auburn died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Ohio, she retired from Ferrall Electric after 16 years.

Surviving are her daughter, Penny Anderson of Huntertown; her son and daughter-in-law, Shane P. and Donna D. Quintana of Oregon; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Beulah and Chub Berger of Michigan and Orpha Moran of Florida; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Mary Margaret.

Services will be Monday at 4 p.m. in McComb, Diligard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Monday from 3 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Daniel Nagel

Mr. Nagel

AUBURN — Daniel A. "Dan" Nagel, 53, of Auburn died Friday, Oct. 15, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Nagel owned Nagel Insurance in Auburn for seven years and was in the U.S. Army Reserve. He was a member of Gideons and attended Sonlight Community Church in Angola. He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Diane Nagel of Auburn; his father, Norman Nagel of Auburn; two sons, Jerod of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Joel of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Joy Nagel of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Jason Wells of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Jennifer Saleen of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Austin Nagel of Fort Wayne; and three stepsisters, Kristin Stillman of Rome City, Marcia Arentz of Indianapolis and Vivian Barnhart of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Phyllis Nagel.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Sonlight Community Church.

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Beatrice Geiger

FREMONT — Beatrice M. "Bea" Geiger, 81, of Fremont died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at the Fulton County Health Center, Wauseon, Ohio.

Mrs. Geiger was born on June 26, 1923, in San Francisco to James and Elvesha Gray.

Mrs. Geiger was a homemaker. She was a 1941 graduate of Defiance (Ohio) High School and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Defiance, Ohio, and St. Paul's Catholic Chapel, Clear Lake.

On May 29, 1948, she married Clarence "Hymie" Geiger, and he survives.

She also is survived by four sons, Dave and Robert Geiger of Defiance and Bill and Jim Geiger of Clear Lake; a daughter, Mrs. Chris Jennings of New Castle, Calif.; a brother, Tom Gray of California; a sister, Denna Sinnott of California; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Bob and Bill Gray.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. Indiana time at St. Mary Catholic Church, Defiance, with the Rev. David Lautermilch officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance.

Calling will be 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 p.m. Indiana time Sunday at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home, Defiance. A vigil service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church or the American Cancer Society.

Lucille Eash

KENDALLVILLE — Lucille M. Eash, 67, of Kendallville died Friday, Oct. 15, 2004, at her residence.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She was born May 1, 1937, in Kendallville to Alonzo Edward and Vera May (Kirk) Mapes. They preceded her in death.

On Nov. 11, 1967, in LaGrange, she married Robert Eash. He survives.

Mrs. Eash

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Hassel Gayheart of Mongo and Penny and Wayne Short of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Andrea Cox of Angola; two stepsons, Robert Rupley and his wife, Dee, of Centreville, Mich., and Rob Roy Stark of Sturgis, Mich.; stepdaughters Debbi and Bobbie; a sister and brother-in-law, Genny and Richard Ulrich of Provo, Utah; 10 grandchildren; 12 stepgrandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a sister, Louise Gundrum.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with president Jeff Murphey officiating. Burial will be at the South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lester Kunkel

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Lester J. Kunkel, 87, of Montpelier, died Friday, Oct. 15, 2004, at Evergreen Manor Nursing Home in Montpelier.

He was a retired Bridgewater Township farmer and he also retired from City Beverage in Montpelier and Defiance, Ohio. He was a member of the Bridgewater Grange.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ronald L. Kunkel of Montpelier and Dale and Becky Kunkel of Montpelier; a brother, Roy Kunkel of Clearwater, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Donna E. Kunkel; a daughter, Beverly J. Proxmire; three brothers; a sister; and two great-granddaughters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Thompson Funeral Home in Montpelier, pastor John Crilley officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery of Montpelier.

Calling is from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Williams County (Ohio) Home Health or The Caring Way of Williams and Fulton counties.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct an error. We apologize for the error.*

Glenn Warfield

GARRETT — Glenn A. "Ike" Warfield, 70, of Garrett died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at 1:40 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

A lifetime resident of Garrett, he was a printer at the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette for 29 years, retiring in 1994. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

He was born July 1, 1934, in Garrett to Douglas and Guilo (Cornwell) Warfield.

He married Mary E. Baughman on Sept. 25, 1958, in Auburn. She survives.

Also suriving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael L. Warfield of Garrett and Danny L. and Jacqueline Warfield of Leo; a brother, Gary Warfield of Waterloo; a sister, Susan Wise of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Douglas Warfield; and a sister, Dorothy Claxton.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett. Pastor Jeffrey Horn will officiate. The Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct military graveside services.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information about family members.*

Helen Leas

PEORIA, Ariz. — Helen Juanita Mason Leas, 88, of Peoria, Ariz., died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004.

She was born in Auburn on Feb. 15, 1916, to Henry Samuel and Mary Ellen (Myers) Mason and grew up on a farm in rural Auburn.

She married Lyle Spangler Leas in June 1933. They owned and operated Leas Quality Market on the courthouse square in Auburn. Later, they opened stores in Angola and Garrett.

After a disastrous fire at the Auburn store, they opened Westwood Super Market on West Seventh Street.

Later, they moved to California and retired in Mesa, Ariz.

Mrs. Leas was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Richard Lyle Leas; and a brother, Robert Lavon Mason.

Surviving are two daughters, Beverly Jean Leas Timberlin of Peoria, Ariz., and Natalie Elaine Leas Klostermann of Cameron Park, Calif.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at Abel Funeral Services & Chapel in Phoenix.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Edgar Long** were held Saturday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m. at Wayne Center United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Gene Flickinger officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Teena Newport, Casey Long, Eric Bell, Andy Hampshire, Del Combs, Joshua Combs, Ed Weber and Dale Hilliard. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Dr. Martin was champion to youths

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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WAWAKA — The measure of a man's life, some would say, lies not in the grief that accompanies his passing, but in the impact he had on others while he was alive and well.

Such is the case for Dr. Timothy "Tim" Martin of Wawaka, the popular veterinarian and champion of young people who died last month.

Dr. Martin

Dr. Martin, who was in the middle of a four-year term on the West Noble school board, had a huge impact on young people and others around him. He was a fixture at most West Noble sporting events as well as Wawaka youth baseball games.

His family and friends continue to deal with their loss, but are confident his memory will continue far into the future.

His widow, Janell (Frick) Martin, has established the Timothy Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund, and donations continue to come in, even weeks after his funeral.

"He was a great guy and we miss him greatly," Janell said recently as she discussed the huge outpouring of emotion and love that surrounded her family in the aftermath of her husband's death.

Mrs. Martin is working with the Noble County Community Foundation to administer the scholarship fund, and will be using the resources of that organization to help the memorial grow for years to come.

She said the show of support for her and her three children, Emily, Amanda and Daniel, "has obviously been really overwhelming. The number of people who came to visit or call, or gave to the memorial funds, has been unbelievable.

"It's been really nice to see something positive that came out of an unfortunate situation," she noted. The couple had been married 25 years.

In the weekend following Tim's death, Janell said the family home in Wawaka had 15 to 30 young people — friends of her children — visiting at any one time, offering love and support not only to the family's three kids but to her, also.

"That meant a lot to me," she said.

Dr. Martin, who was 48 when he died, was active in his community, in his church and with his children's education. That activism fostered a lot of bonds in various aspects of Noble County, either at church, school or work.

His various memberships included the West Noble Athletic Boosters, St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier and the Noble County Pork Producer's Association.

He twice graduated from Purdue University where he received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and his doctor of veterinarian medicine.

He was a die-hard Chicago Cubs and Notre Dame fan

Last week it was decided that his seat on the West Noble school board would be filled by Jim Hosford, a Wawaka farmer who was Dr. Martin's friend.

"I'll try to serve in the best manner I can," Hosford said this week. "Hopefully I will do this in a manner that Tim would be proud of and happy with. He was quite a person and I just thought this was something that had to be done. I was honored they asked me."

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Timothy Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund should contact the Noble County Community Foundation, after Nov. 1, at 894-3335.

Richard Harris

ALBION — Richard L. Harris, 83, of Albion died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004.

Born March 21, 1921, to Roy and Bertha Harris, he worked as a supervisior at Magnavox.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian E. Harris of Albion; two daughters, Marilyn Broom and Rebecca Cross; one sister, Joan Freel; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Bertha Harris.

There are no services or visitation scheduled.

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Widow keeping husband's memory alive

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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CONVERSE, Texas — He's been gone for a little more than a year, but Elaine Etheridge said she is adamant about keeping the memory of her husband, Fred, alive for the couple's six grandchildren.

"I talk about their grandfather every time I see them," she said. "I send them pictures. They make me pictures to take to him."

Fred Etheridge Jr. was raised by his parents, Fred Sr. and Arizona Etheridge, in Fremont. He was a 1973 Fremont High School graduate.

Elaine said her husband was a quiet, strong man, and that she remembers him as a caretaker and protector.

"He always put himself last, in everything," she said. "He would try to make things happen for people, and when they would try to thank him ... well, he wasn't very good at accepting that. He had a hard time with that."

Elaine and Fred were teenage sweethearts. They married when she was 17 and he was 18, midway through Elaine's senior year of high school on Dec. 22, 1973. Fred joined the Army in 1975, and he and his wife began a life of world travels.

"He loved serving his country," Elaine said. "It gave him such joy and excitement."

During Fred's military career, which ended after 28 years with his retirement on Jan. 1, 2001, he and his wife saw and lived in a plethora of locations: Fort Polk, La.; Fort Hood, Texas; Boeblingen, Germany; Fort Riley, Kan.; Gelnhausen, Germany; Fort Jackson, S.C.; Saudi Arabia, Bosnia-Herzegovina; Houston, Texas, and Belgium. Eventually, the couple settled in Converse, Texas.

Fred served in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm during the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

They saw some exotic places and things, but Elaine said Fred always had a soft spot in his heart for the place he was raised.

"We used to come back every chance we could, but it got hard when we were overseas," she said. "He always used to like to hunt in Steuben County around Thanksgiving when he was younger."

After Fred retired, he spent a lot of time doing woodworking, which he loved, and remodeling houses.

Fred fell ill with cancer in 2002, and passed away 16 months later. Elaine said her husband took radiation treatments, but postponed the chemotherapy the doctors wanted him to have. He ended up only taking chemo for six or eight weeks, but didn't respond to it.

"I think postponing that treatment was a good choice," Elaine said.

Fred lost his fight on Oct. 11, 2003. He was laid to rest in Fort Sam Houston Military Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

Fred has four surviving siblings: Sandy Martin of Coldwater, Mich.; Dorothy Stimmel and Tom Etheridge, both of Fremont; and Joan Freeman of Watertown, N.Y.

If there's anything Elaine wants people to remember about her husband, it's that he was a loving, humble man.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

This photo of Fred and Elaine Etheridge, who were married for 30 years, was taken in December 2002. Fred died on Oct. 11, 2003, after a 16-month battle with cancer.

"He was a good man, he always took care of everyone around him," Elaine said. "It was difficult for him to accept credit for anything that he had accomplished; he always included everyone involved with whatever it was, in the credit."

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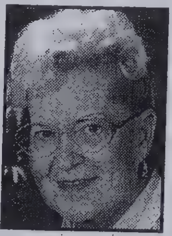
Ann Robbins

AUBURN — Ann Robbins, 70, of Auburn died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at 10:05 p.m. at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis after three weeks of illness.



Mrs. Robbins

A homemaker, she was born in Garrett on Nov. 21, 1933, to Charles Walter and Pearl May (Heffelfinger) McBride.

She was a member of Auburn American Legion, Garrett Eagles and a lifetime member of Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was married to Richard E. "Gunny" Robbins on Sept. 2, 1950, in Garrett. Her husband survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Floyd C. Robbins of Angola and Richard E. and Janet Robbins Jr. of North Carolina; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lucinda M. and Don Anderson of Avilla and Theresa A. and Dale Murray of Hamilton; and three brothers, Harley McBride of Hamilton, Dean McBride of Waterloo and Paul McBride of Boston; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Vaughn McBride, Wayne McBride and Rival McBride; one half-brother, Neal McBride; and two sisters, Eileen Harger and Nadine Barnhart.

Services will be 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials to American Lung Association.

Berneda Nofzinger

AUBURN — Berneda Grace Nofzinger, 83, of Auburn died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, at her daughter's house outside of Auburn.

She was born July 29, 1921, in Wauseon, Ohio, to Sam C. and Amanda (King) Beck, both deceased.

A former member of the Cedarville Community Church and a homemaker, she attended Auburn Alliance Church. She loved to travel.

On Sept. 7, 1940, in Leo, she married Walter Nofzinger, who preceded her in death Oct. 20, 1995.

Surviving are one son and two daughters-in-law, Ron and Ruth Nofzinger of Fort Wayne and Roxanna Nofzinger of Albion; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Pat and Merv Delagrange of Hudson, Charlene and Ralph Seiler of Auburn; two brothers, Virgil Beck of Arizona and Orvil Beck of Goshen; and two sisters, Marjorie Shrock of Cedarville and Evelyn Edwards of Leo; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Rex Nofzinger, two brothers, one sister and one great-grandson, Justin Nofzinger.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. David Schleh is officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Leo Cemetary.

Memorials to Auburn Alliance Church, American Lung Association and Kidney Foundation.

Gladys Cripe

SYRACUSE — Gladys R. Cripe, 86, of Syracuse died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, at 9:20 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor of Syracuse.

Born April 8, 1918, in Berne to John and Jessie (Lankhart) DeBolt, she was a retired inspector for Essex Wire. She enjoyed garage sales and visiting her friends.

On June 26, 1937, in Columbia City she married Earnie Cripe, who preceded her in death on Oct. 12, 1994.

Surviving are one daughter and one son-in-law, Connie and Eldon Smith of Ligonier; three sons and three daughters-in-law, Earnie and Cheryl Cripe, Jr. of LaGrange, Richard and Lois Cripe of Cromwell and Terry and Sally Cripe of Syracuse; one sister, Lois Joan Blake of Fort Wayne; and one brother, Harold "Jim" DeBolt of Syracuse; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jack Cripe; two grandchildren; five sisters, Arveda, Alice, Christeen, Rosemary, Marilyn; and five brothers, Francis, Kenneth, Robert, Raymond and David.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier.

Geraldine Prisock

HOWE — Geraldine C. Prisock, 68, of Howe died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Prisock

Mrs. Prisock was the retired CEO of ARC Opportunities of Howe and president of Alternative Life Styles..

She was the first recipient of the ARC of Indiana Sycamore Award in 1990 and was presented a Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Joe Kernan this year.

She was listed in "Notable American," "Who's Who of American Women," "Who's Who in Executive and Professional" and the elite "Who's Who Among Outstanding Female Executives."

Mrs. Prisock had a bachelor's degree in education from Indiana University in Bloomington, a master's degree in education from Indiana University in South Bend and a master's degree in rehabilitation administration and services from Southern Illinois University — Carbondale.

She was a member of Sylvan Chapter 251 Order of Eastern Star in LaGrange, DAR in Three Oaks, Mich., ARC of Indiana, the Indiana Conference of Executives of the Association for Retarded Citizens and the National Conference of Executives of the Association for Retarded Citizens.

Mrs. Prisock had moved to LaGrange in 1963 from Illinois.

She was born Jan 26, 1936, in Louisville, Miss., to Charles and Hannie B. (Hill) Culpepper. On Sept. 6, 1953, in Louisville, Miss., she married Leonard M. Prisock. He died Feb. 25, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Thomas Seman of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Floyd and Corliss Prisock of Howe and the Rev. Kevin and Cheryl Prisock of Dayton, Ohio; three sisters, Jean Hurt, Fran Garretson and Pat Roberson, all of Louisville, Miss.; a brother, Joe Culpepper of Louisville, Miss.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Kevin Prisock, the Rev. Scott Carper and the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to ARC Opportunities in Howe.

Nathaniel Bodie

KENDALLVILLE — Nathaniel Lucas Bodie died Friday, Oct. 15, 2004, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis where he was born at 7:14 a.m. that day.

He was the son of Christian E. "Chris" and Patricia E. "Patty" Bodie of Columbus.

Also surviving are a brother, Nicholas Christian Bodie, at home; maternal grandparents, Jim and Barbara Baldwin of Kendallville; paternal grandparents, Marilynn Bodie of Clarksville, Tenn., and John Bodie of Atworth, Ga.; and paternal great-grandmother, Ruth Kropacek of Greenfield.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Sayles

FORT WAYNE — Robert Lee Sayles, 67, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville died at 2:10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, in the emergency room at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sayles had lived most of his life in Kendallville and had resided at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne since 1993.

He had been a cook at Pine Valley Golf Club and Coney Island in Fort Wayne and at Al's Restaurant in Waynedale. He also had worked at General Electric.

Mr. Sayles was a 1957 graduate of Avilla High School and a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was born Aug. 25, 1937, to Roy D. and Blanche M. (Croop) Sayles.

Surviving are four sisters, Juanita Harmes of Corunna, Alberta Zawadzke of Avilla, Darlene Morris of Wolcottville and Gladys Braun of Fort Wayne; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Bonnie Hypes; and three brothers, Roy Sayles Jr., Cecil D. Sayles and Gerald Sayles.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery with full military rites.

Memorials are to Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne.

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Willis Nelson

ANGOLA — Willis H. Nelson, 69, of Angola died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Nelson was born March 26, 1935, in Ironwood, Mich., to Oscar and Mildred (James) Nelson. He was married to Virginia Binkley on Dec. 30, 1960. She survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army National Guard. He was a truck driver, and a member of the Angola City Police Reserves.

He belonged to the Angola Parents Booster Club of the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County. He was a Cub Scout, Webelos and Boy Scout leader for many years.

Also surviving are a son, Gordon Nelson of New Haven; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Mark Foster of Angola; two sisters, Irene Gecowets of Westerville, Ohio, and Mary Nelson of San Antonio, Texas; three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald and James Nelson; and a sister, Barbara Weiss.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Angola Fire Department or the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Bobby Daniels

ALBION — Bobby L. Daniels, 45, of Albion died at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been ill one week.

Mr. Daniels moved to Albion 22 years ago from Garrett. He worked in the auto industry.

He loved country and bluegrass music and had played in several area bands. He was a fan of the University of Kentucky basketball team and loved NASCAR.

Mr. Daniels was born Feb. 6, 1957, in Hindman, Ky., to Lum and Juanita (Gooslin) Daniels. They are deceased. On June 3, 1978, in the Church of God in Auburn, he married Colleen Hoover. She survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Charles "Doug" Daniels of St. Joe and David Daniels of Garrett; three sisters, Sharon McNutt and Gracie Wasson, both of Garrett, and Cheryl Wyatt of Auburn; and six nephews and nieces, Brian McNutt, Matt McNutt, Sara Wasson, Jay McNutt, Leslie Morton and David Daniels.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Eugene Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Noble County EMS and Riley Children's Hospital.

Martha DeWitt

LAOTTO — Martha DeWitt, 71, of LaOtto died at 5:55 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, at her rural LaOtto home.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

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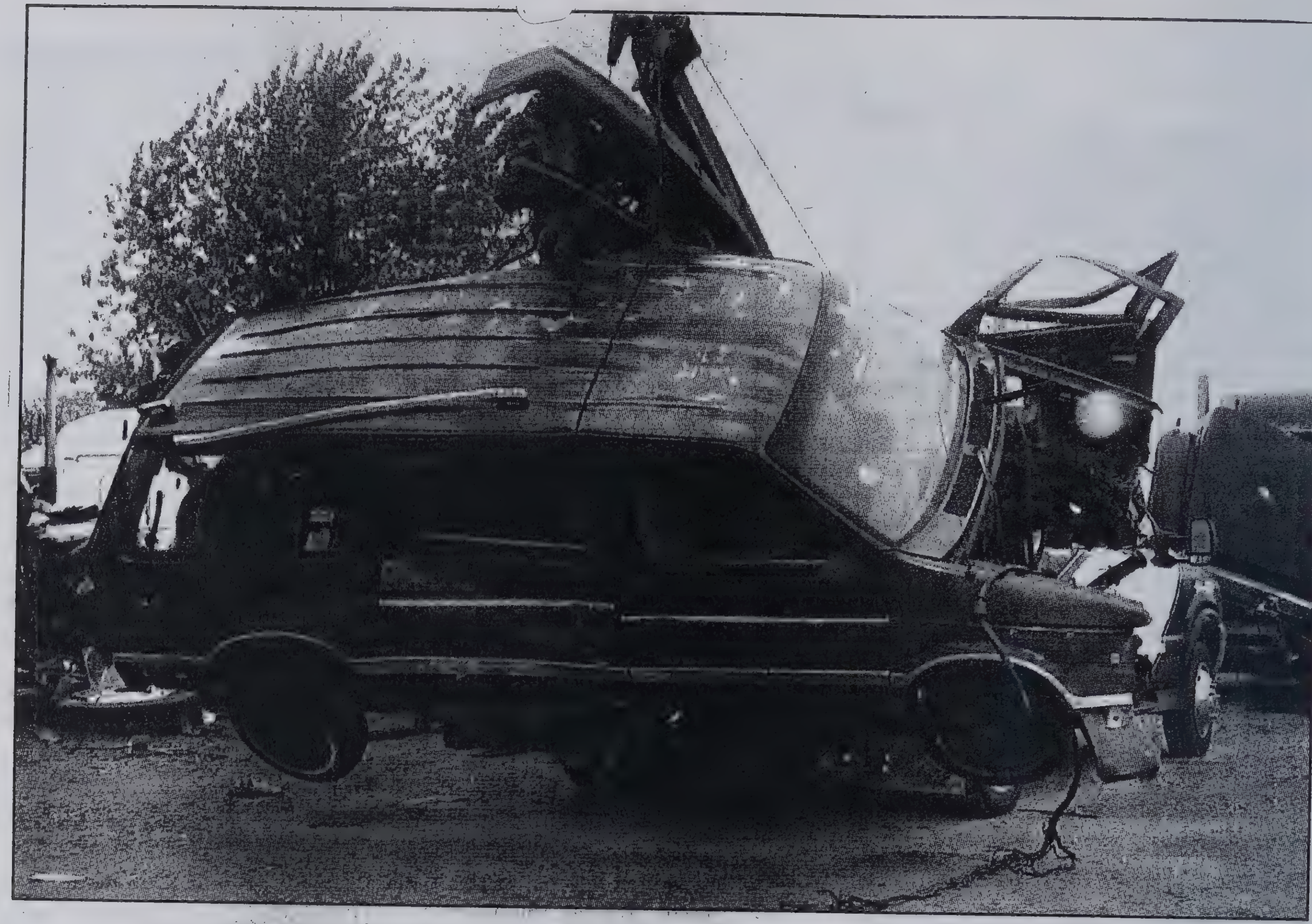

BOB BUTTGEN

This is the 1989 Plymouth van that was struck by a train Sunday night in Ligonier. The driver of the van, Nicholas Henson, 22, of Cromwell, died early today as a result of injuries received in the accident. The van is shown here still hanging on the hook of the wrecker that removed it from the accident scene.

Van-train crash kills man

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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LIGONIER — A Cromwell man died early today, hours after he apparently drove his van around a railroad crossing arm and into the path of an oncoming train.

Police and railroad officials are trying to determine why Nicholas A. Henson, 22, of Cromwell ignored the crossing arms at the railroad crossing on C.R. 900N, also known as Gerber Street, in the city's industrial park.

The accident occurred at 9:43 p.m. Sunday. Henson was taken by the Samaritan helicopter to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He died at the hospital at 3:40 a.m. today, according to a hospital official.

Henson was northbound on Gerber Street in the city's industrial park when he "went around the crossing arms that were lowered," according to the police report.

His 1989 Plymouth minivan was struck by an eastbound Amtrak train. Henson was ejected from his vehicle, police said.

The engineer of the train told police the crossing arm and warning lights were operating at the time of the accident.

The accident remains under investigation by Ligonier police, along with officials from Norfolk Southern Railroad. Also at the scene were officials from the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Noble County EMS, Ligionier Fire Department and Sparta Township Fire Department.

Henson's body was taken to the Allen County Coroner's Office where a decision on whether or not to proceed with an autopsy will be made later today.

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Jeanette Dyarman

ALBION — Jeanette Ruth Dyarman, 79, of rural Albion died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Dyarman

Mrs. Dyarman had lived at her current address since moving there in 1982 from Fort Wayne, where she lived since 1973. Before that she lived in New Haven.

She had been a tool cutter grinder and worked at Harvester, General Electric and Dana during World War II.

Mrs. Dyarman enjoyed knitting, crocheting, sewing, reading and woodworking.

She was born March 3, 1925, in Burr Oak to Alvin and Dollie (Wheeler) Baker. On Nov. 15, 1943, in Fort Wayne, she married Orlando Dyarman. He died Aug. 1, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jo Ellen and William Praul of Wawaka; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Sandra Dyarman of New Haven and Gary and Linda Dyarman of Citrus Heights, Calif.; six grandchildren, Angie Hirsch, Amy Cardinal, Andrea Rowley, Kenneth Galligher, Sgt. Jennifer Dyarman and Kimberly Dyarman; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Ladd and Virginia Redmon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Nicholas Henson

CROMWELL — Nicholas Adam Henson, 22, of Cromwell died at 3:40 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries he sustained in a van-train accident Sunday night in Ligonier.

He was a machinist and a lifetime Noble County resident.

Mr. Henson enjoyed music and playing guitar. He also enjoyed nature and especially liked fishing.

He was born April 28, 1982, in Kendallville. His father, Jeffrey Henson, survives in Cromwell, and his mother and stepfather, Sharon and Steve Warstler, survive in Butler.

Also surviving are his girlfriend, Mary Pamer of Cromwell; a brother, Nathan Henson of Albion; a half sister, Kimbre Siebert of Kendallville; a stepbrother, Steven W. Warstler of Butler; and his maternal grandparents, Mary and Bill Stump of Sebring, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Rose and Oscar Henson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Pastor James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Martha DeWitt

LAOTTO — Martha DeWitt, 71, died at 5:55 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, at her home in LaOtto.

Mrs. DeWitt

Mrs. DeWitt was a lifetime LaOtto area resident. She worked at Sheller Globe in Grabill for 15 years and served as union president for seven years.

She was a volunteer teacher's aide at LaOtto Elementary School and enjoyed painting, ceramics, flowers, gardening and birds.

Mrs. DeWitt was born Dec. 18, 1932, in Garrett to Marion and Dessie (Sunday) Wells. In November 1983 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, she married Dwight DeWitt. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Glenda McClellan of LaOtto and Matt and Deb McClellan of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Melinda and Lee Hess of Monroeville; a brother, Phil Wells of Hamilton; three grandchildren, Jesse Hess, Sarah McClain and Aimee Johnson; four great-grandchildren, Katlin and Audrey Hess, Hunter McClain and Arissa Johnson; and several stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Twila Dail, Doris Miller and Carolyn Heffy.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery in LaOtto.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Kenneth Liggett

CHURUBUSCO — Kenneth L. Liggett, 81, of rural Churubusco died at 7:33 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been a patient at the hospital after collapsing Saturday.

Mr. Liggett

Mr. Liggett was a former truck driver for Transport Motor Express and retired from Magnavox in Fort Wayne in 1984.

He was born June 10, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Forest and Marvel (Leonard) Liggett. He spent his formative years in the Fremont area and served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Italian and southern France campaigns, receiving three battle stars. He was also awarded the Purple Heart.

On Oct. 11, 1947, in LaOtto, he married Gwendolin E. Lutter. She survives.

Mr. Liggett was a member of Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco, Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3846, Auburn Disabled Veterans, Fort Wayne Eagles Lodge and Teamsters Local 414.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda K. Wick and Holly D. and Mark Redding, all of Fort Wayne, Judy A. Liggett of Churubusco, and Donna K. and Jay Hilliard of Avilla; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth L. and Theresa Liggett and Tim L. and Lisa Liggett, all of Churubusco; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Everett Sr. and Patricia Liggett of Churubusco, George and Patricia Liggett of Fort Wayne and Charles and Sarah Liggett of Edon, Ohio; five sisters, Roberta and Kenneth Ebert of Churubusco, Phyllis and Phil "Butch" Castle of Coldwater, Mich., Alice and Bill Mayberry of Lacey, Wash., Pat Hoppengarden of Fort Wayne and Barbara Koskie of Garrett; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Emmett Liggett; and a sister, Eleanor Bellis.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Greg Enstrom of First Wayne Street United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery with military graveside services.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 or Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3846.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Vaughn McClish

CROSSVILLE, Tenn. — Vaughn Wallace McClish, 87, of Crossville, Tenn., died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004.

Mr. McClish retired as a machinist with Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne. He enjoyed woodworking and making crafts. He remodeled a home and help build two others.

He was born June 1, 1917, in Fort Wayne to Russell Roe and Martha Louise Chipman McClish, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Esther McClish of Crossville; five sons and two daughters-in-law, David McClish of Hicksville, Ohio, Harold McClish of Crossville, Howard and Wava McClish of Spencerville, Ronald and Penny McClish of Wolcottville and Danny McClish of Cleveland, Tenn.; two daughters, Bonnie Everage and Sharon Caldwell, both of Crossville; one brother, Glenn McClish of Butler; and two sisters, Lilah Steele of Warsaw and Mary Gaston of Montpelier, Ohio; 17 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four sisters, Merlee Brand, Ilda Green, Betty Diosdad and Patricia Miller.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Brother Bob Noltan officiating. His grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Hood Funeral Home & Crematory of Crossville, Tenn., and Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo are handling arrangements.

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Jane Eash

SHIPSHEWANA — Jane E. Eash, 62, of Shipshewana died at 3 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Eash was a homemaker and drove a bus for Westview School Corp. since 1983.

She was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

Mrs. Eash was born May 10, 1942, in Sturgis, Mich., to Ralph E. and Wreta L. (Hagerty) Bassett. On April 29, 1961, in Scott, she married Gerald L. Eash. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Annette Munsell of Topeka; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Tyler J. Eash of Pontiac, Mich., Christopher L. Eash of Fort Wayne, Ryan S. and Christie Eash of Wilson, N.C., and Cory M. and Vanessa Eash of Wolcottville; a brother, Charles F. Bassett of Auburn; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Martha Lou and Robert Lee of Middlebury, Marilyn and David Anderson of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Elaine and Paul Kronewitter of Rolling Prairie; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Charlotte Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Brent Eash officiating. Burial will be in Sidener Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Westview School Dollars for Scholars, 1545 S. C.R. 600W, Topeka, IN 46571.

Judith Anderson

WOODBURN — Judith Anne Anderson, 66, of Woodburn died Monday, Oct. 16, 2004, at her home.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church of Woodburn. She was a native of Plymouth.

Surviving are her husband of 49 years, Robert A.; three daughters and three sons-in-law, Tiara and Steve Bremer of Woodburn, Tanya and Brian Grimes of Fort Wayne and Tracy and Russ Johnson of Butler; one son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Susan Anderson of Orlando, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; her mother, Annis E. Sanford of New Haven; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jean Holley and Joan and Tom Kinder; and two brothers, John Bergman and Jeff Sanford.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Christ Lutheran Church, 4412 Park St., Woodburn. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be at the church from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Wednesday.

Memorials are to Christ Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Covington Memorial Funeral Home.

Gene Kalb

FREMONT — Gene E. Kalb, 81, of Fremont died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at home.

Mr. Kalb was born Jan. 16, 1923, in Goshen to Thaddeus Ford and Fay E. (Ehret) Kalb.

He was a shoe salesman. He was a life member of the Loyal Order of the Moose in Angola.

Surviving are a sister, Peggy Thomas of Sarasota, Fla.; and three nephews.

Graveside services will be held at a later date at Violett Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army of Goshen.

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AMY OBERLIN

Justin German loads a Pontiac passenger vehicle involved in a fatal crash Tuesday morning onto an Auto World tow vehicle. D. Heath Mack, 16, of Butler died in the crash, which occurred just west of C.R. 100E on Bellefontaine Road, between Pleasant Lake and Hamilton.

Area teen dies in car crash

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PLEASANT LAKE — A Butler teenager died Tuesday morning in a one-car crash on his way back to Eastside High School after attending morning classes at Tri-State Middle College in Angola.

D. Heath Mack, 16, was killed in the crash on Bellefontaine Road, just west of Steuben C.R. 100E, the Steuben County Sheriff's Department reported.

A passenger in Mack's car, 17-year-old Courtney Jagoda of rural Butler, suffered injuries that were described as minor in the sheriff's report.

The Eastside High School juniors were taken to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola, where Mack was pronounced dead due to head injuries, a sheriff's report said.

The crash occurred at about 10:37 a.m.

"It appears the driver went off the right side of the roadway and lost control," the report said. Mack's car struck an embankment and utility pole before coming to rest in the roadway.

Speed is believed to be a factor in the crash, the sheriff's department release said, but alcohol is not believed to be a factor. Mack did not appear to have been wearing a safety belt, the report said. Jagoda was wearing a seatbelt.

Tri-State Middle College is a charter school operated by Tri-State University that allows students to attend college classes while still in high school.

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Betty Lanum

AUBURN — Betty J. Lanum, 74, of Butler died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at 5:10 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

She worked as a housekeeper at Evergreen Nursing Home in Montpelier, Ohio.

She was born Jan. 8, 1930, in Toledo, Ohio, to George and Florence (Dickinson) Watson.

She married James Lanum on March 15, 1965, in Toledo, Ohio. He died Oct. 10, 1997.

Surviving are two daughters, Peggy Champion and Jeannia Rhodes, both of Butler; six brothers, Arthur Watson of Perrysburg, Ohio, and Bill Watson, Fred Watson, Kenny Watson, Ronnie Watson and Rich Watson, all of Toledo, Ohio; five sisters, Rose Dye of Urbana, Ohio, Grace Stewart of Toledo, Ohio, Sharon Sutton of Maumee, Ohio, Judy Stewart of Toledo, Ohio, and Margaret Williams of Perrysburg, Ohio; five grandchildren, Dennis Polling, Heather Pinkham, David Goings III, Jessica Jeffries and James Watson; and three great-grandchildren, T.J. Watson, Tiffany Polling and Cole Pinkham.

She also was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, George.

No services or calling are scheduled. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice.

Esther Smith

HARTSELLE, Ala. — Esther Ruth Firestone Smith, 79, of Hartselle died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, at Huntsville Hospital in Alabama.

Mrs. Smith was born Dec. 31, 1924, in Hillsdale County, Mich., to Garlyn Owen Firestone and Lura Mae Seiple.

She was a member of the Bible Baptist Ladies Sunday school class and also a member of the Golden Redeemers. She was a registered nurse.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis James and Ellen Miller Smith of Mount Airy, Ga.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Susan Gale and Jim Grow of Leander, Texas, Darleen Haddock of Hartselle and Sharlene and Kenneth Whitworth of Eastanollee, Ga.; two sisters, Leora Weber of Waynesboro, Pa. and Grace Fansler of Fremont. Ind.; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charley Smith; four brothers, Floyd, Paul, Warren and Lloyd Firestone; and a sister, Opal Maugherman.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Stephens Memorial Gardens in Toccoa, Ga., with the Rev. Bill Evans officiating and Whitlock Mortuary directing. Calling will be Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. at Hartselle Funeral Home in Hartselle.

Elizabeth Fee

WATERLOO — Elizabeth V. "Betty" Fee, 94, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Fee retired from Rieke Corp. in 1972 after working there 22 years. She attended both the Waterloo Nazarene Church and Butler Nazarene Church.

She was born Sept. 2, 1910, in Fairfield Township of northwestern DeKalb County to Newton J. and Myrtle (Reeder) Wallace.

She married Maynard F. Fee on Aug. 30, 1930, in the Auburn Presbyterian Church. He died Nov. 14, 1998.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Irene and Ronald Rynearson of Corunna and Leon and Roy Rigg of Butler.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Edith Wallace; and three brothers, Charles, Earnest and Jay Wallace.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be tonight from 5 to 8 at the funeral home.

Ralph Longardner

LAOTTO — Ralph H. Longardner, 71, of LaOtto died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at his rural LaOtto home. He had been in failing health for the past year.

Mr. Longardner

Mr. Longardner had been a furnace operator with Slater Steel in Fort Wayne and a LaOtto resident 39 years.

He was U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean conflict and a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

He enjoyed doing woodworking, gardening, fishing, working puzzles, and spending time with his family.

Mr. Longardner was born July 7, 1933, to Cornelius and Ursie (Driver) Longardner. On Nov. 19, 1952, at the Church of God in Fort Wayne, he married Guilia Gibson. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ralph E. Longardner of Avilla and Michael L. Longardner of LaOtto; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Kurt Hayden of Kendallville and Holly Ann and Dallas Fike of Avilla; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Betty and Jack Myers and Virginia and Harold Shoppell, all of Avilla, Violet Seffernick of Fort Wayne and Doris and Jerry Whitbroth of Michigan; a brother and sister-in-law, Ned and Martha Longardner of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Rob and Jennie Longardner, Rhea and Kelly Kammerer, Tina and Eric Emery, Kallie Longardner, Summer and Tyler Moser, and Nicholas, Natasha, Haley and Zachary Hayden; and five great-grandchildren, Ashley Longardner, Addison Longardner, Kristin Kammerer, Sierra Kammerer and Parker Emery.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald and Cornelius Longardner, and a sister, Barbara Collins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery, rural LaOtto.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice.

Betty Brouwer

FORT WAYNE — Betty Lou Brouwer, 72, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, at Lutheran Home, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Brouwer was born March 1, 1932, in Rochester, to Charles E. and Irene M. (Fisher) Thompson.

Surviving are a son, Terry Norman of Fremont; a good friend, Maurice "Morey" Berg of Hoagland; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Evelyn Hippenhammer

HUDSON — Evelyn R. (Wall) Hippenhammer, 81, of Hudson died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hippenhammer was born in Wells County on Aug. 5, 1923, to Ira and Delsie (Smith) Lambert. She was a former employee of Sacred Heart Home and Carlin Park Health Care Center.

She was a member of the Hudson United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rex A. and Pat Wall of Ashley and Steven D. and Brenda Wall of Corunna; a brother, Milford Lambert of Markle; two sisters, Treva Taylor of Huntington and Verda Patton of Zanesville; four grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Noble F. Wall, in 1959; her second husband, Russell Hippenhammer in 1999; and a son, Guilford L. Wall in 1971.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Circle Cemetery, Hudson, with the Rev. Rex S. Charles officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

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Michael Schlau

FORT WAYNE — Michael F. "TOO NICE" Schlau, 55, died Friday, Oct. 8, 2004, at home in LaOtto.

Born in Daytona Beach, Fla., he was a firefighter with the Fort Wayne Fire Dept., Founder of Frontier Signs, in 1976, and an Army Veteran. He was a father figure and mentor to many; very proud, influential man. He was extremely funny and loved to travel.

Survivors include sons, Matt, Marc and Michael, all of Fort Wayne; sister, Michele (Gordon) Young of Huntertown; and brother, Mark (Gail) Schlau of Gillette, Wyo.; and stepmother, Margie Schlau of Albion.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Alexis Lane and his father, William A. Schlau.

Services were held Thursday, October 14, 2004, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Fort Wayne Firefighters Museum, P.O. Box 10404, Fort Wayne, IN 46852.

Robert Sayles

FORT WAYNE — Robert Lee Sayles, 67, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, in the emergency room at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sayles had lived most of his life in Kendallville and had resided at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne since 1993.

He had been a cook at Pine Valley Golf Club and Coney Island in Fort Wayne and at Al's Restaurant in Waynedale. He also had worked at General Electric.

Mr. Sayles was a 1957 graduate of Avilla High School and a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was born Aug. 25, 1937, to Roy D. and Blanche M. (Croop) Sayles.

Surviving are four sisters, Juanita Harmes of Corunna, Alberta Zawadzke of Avilla, Darlene Morris of Wolcottville and Gladys Braun of Fort Wayne; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Bonnie Hypes; and three brothers, Roy Sayles Jr., Cecil D. Sayles and Gerald Sayles.

Services were held Tuesday, October 19, 2004, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery with full military rites.

Memorials are to Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Bobby Daniels

ALBION — Bobby L. Daniels, 45, of Albion died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been ill one week.

Mr. Daniels moved to Albion 22 years ago from Garrett. He worked in the auto industry.

He loved country and bluegrass music and had played in several area bands. He was a fan of the University of Kentucky basketball team and loved NASCAR.

Mr. Daniels was born Feb. 6, 1957, in Hindman, Ky., to Lum and Juanita (Gooslin) Daniels. They are deceased. On June 3, 1978, in the Church of God in Auburn, he married Colleen Hoover. She survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Charles "Doug" Daniels of St. Joe and David Daniels of Garrett; three sisters, Sharon McNutt and Gracie Wasson, both of Garrett, and Cheryl Wyatt of Auburn; and six nephews and nieces, Brian McNutt, Matt McNutt, Sara Wasson, Jay McNutt, Leslie Morton and David Daniels.

Services were held Wednesday, October 20, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Eugene Mosley officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to Noble County EMS and Riley Children's Hospital.

Jeanette Dyarman

ALBION — Jeanette Ruth Dyarman, 79, of rural Albion died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Dyarman had lived at her current address since moving there in 1982 from Fort Wayne where she lived since 1973. Before that she lived in New Haven.

She had been a tool cutter grinder and worked at Harvester, General Electric and Dana during World War II.

Mrs. Dyarman enjoyed knitting, crocheting, sewing, reading and woodworking.

She was born March 3, 1925, in Burr Oak to Alvin and Dollie (Wheeler) Baker. On Nov. 15, 1943, in Fort Wayne, she married Orlando Dyarman. He died Aug. 1, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jo Ellen and William Praul of Wawaka; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Sandra Dyarman of New Haven and Gary and Linda Dyarman of Citrus Heights, Calif.; six grandchildren, Angie Hirsch, Amy Cardinal, Andrea Rowley, Kenneth Galligher, Sgt. Jennifer Dyarman and Kimberly Dyarman; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Ladd and Virginia Redmon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 23, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday, October 22, 2004, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Kenneth Liggett

CHURUBUSCO — Kenneth L. Liggett, 81, of rural Churubusco died Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been a patient at the hospital after collapsing Saturday.

Mr. Liggett was a former truck driver for Transport Motor Express and retired from Magnavox in Fort Wayne in 1984.

He was born June 10, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Forest and Marvel (Leonard) Liggett. He spent his formative years in the Fremont area and served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Italian and southern France campaigns, receiving three battle stars. He was also awarded the Purple Heart.

On Oct. 11, 1947, in LaOtto, he married Gwendolin E. Lutter. She survives.

Mr. Liggett was a member of Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco, Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3846, Auburn Disabled Veterans, Fort Wayne Eagles Lodge and Teamsters Local 414.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda K. Wick and Holly D. and Mark Redding, all of Fort Wayne, Judy A. Liggett of Churubusco, and Donna K. and Jay Hilliard of Avilla; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth L. and Theresa Liggett and Tim L. and Lisa Liggett, all of Churubusco; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Everett Sr. and Patricia Liggett of Churubusco, George and Patricia Liggett of Fort Wayne and Charles and Sarah Liggett of Edon, Ohio; five sisters, Roberta and Kenneth Ebert of Churubusco, Phyllis and Phil "Butch" Castle of Coldwater, Mich., Alice and Bill Mayberry of Lacey, Wash., Pat Hoppengarden of Fort Wayne and Barbara Koskie of Garrett; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Emmett Liggett; and a sister, Eleanor Bellis.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, October 21, 2004, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Greg Enstrom of First Wayne Street United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery with military graveside services.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 or Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3846.

Berneda Nofzinger

AUBURN — Berneda Grace Nofzinger, 83, of Auburn died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, at her daughter's house outside of Auburn.

She was born July 29, 1921, in Wauseon, Ohio, to Sam C. and Amanda (King) Beck, both deceased.

A former member of the Cedarville Community Church and a homemaker, she attended Auburn Alliance Church. She loved to travel.

On Sept. 7, 1940, in Leo, she married Walter Nofzinger who preceded her in death Oct. 20, 1995.

Surviving are one son and two daughters-in-law, Ron and Ruth Nofzinger of Fort Wayne and Roxanna Nofzinger of Albion; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Pat and Merv Delagrange of Hudson, Charlene and Ralph Seiler of Auburn; two brothers, Virgil Beck of Arizona and Orvil Beck of Goshen; and two sisters, Marjorie Shrock of Cedarville and Evelyn Edwards of Leo; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Rex Nofzinger, two brothers, one sister and one great-grandson, Justin Nofzinger.

Services were held Tuesday, October 19, 2004, at Feller Funeral Home, in Waterloo. The Rev. David Schleh officiated.

Burial was in Leo Cemetary.

Memorials to Auburn Alliance Church, American Lung Association and Kidney Foundation.

Ann Robbins

AUBURN — Ann Robbins, 70, of Auburn died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis after three weeks of illness.

A homemaker, she was born in Garrett on Nov. 21, 1933, to Charles Walter and Pearl May (Heffelfinger) McBride.

She was a member of Auburn American Legion, Garrett Eagles and a lifetime member of Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was married to Richard E. "Gunny" Robbins on Sept. 2, 1950, in Garrett. Her husband survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Floyd C. Robbins of Angola and Richard E. and Janet Robbins Jr. of North Carolina; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lucinda M. and Don Anderson of Avilla and Theresa A. and Dale Murray of Hamilton; and three brothers, Harley McBride of Hamilton, Dean McBride of Waterloo and Paul McBride of Boston; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Vaughn McBride, Wayne McBride and Rival McBride; one half-brother, Neal McBride; and two sisters, Eileen Harger and Nadine Barnhart.

Services were held Tuesday, October 19, 2004, at Feller Funeral Home, in Waterloo.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials to American Lung Association.

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Carol Studebaker

WAWAKA — Carol May Studebaker, 78, of Wawaka died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

She had been employed as a cashier and bookkeeper for West Noble Schools and was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church in Ligonier.

On May 24, 1926, in South Bend, she was born to Oscar B. and Effie F. (Bishop) Fields. On June 27, 1946, in South Bend, she married Vernon Studebaker. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Mrs. Studebaker had lived in Noble County since 1965. She was a member of the United Methodist Women, Hope Circle and Elkettes Homemakers Club, and she was active in Nomads, an organization helping to give aid to disaster areas. She enjoyed camping, traveling and her family, and with her late husband had wintered in Florida for many years.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Donald Ray and Penny Studebaker of South Carolina, William Jay and Joan Studebaker of Wawaka, and John Dale Studebaker of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Sue and Doug Schieber of Wawaka; two brothers, James Robert Fields of Bloomington, and Loyal E. Fields of Plymouth; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, her parents and a great-grandson preceded her in death.

Services were held Monday, October 18, 2004, at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, was in charge of arrangements.

Richard Harris

ALBION — Richard L. Harris, 83, of Albion, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004.

He was born March 21, 1921 to Roy and Bertha Harris.

He was a supervisor for Magnavox.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian E. (Haines) Harris of Albion; daughters, Marily Broom and Rebecca Cross sister, Joan Freel; fiv grandchildren; and 11 grea grandchildren. He was pr ceded in death by his fathe Roy Harris; and mothe Bertha Harris.

There were no service or visitation.

Martha DeWitt

LAOTTO — Martha DeWitt, 71, died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, at her home in LaOtto.

Mrs. DeWitt was a lifetime LaOtto area resident. She worked at Sheller Globe in Grabill for 15 years and served as union president for seven years.

She was a volunteer teacher's aide at LaOtto Elementary School and enjoyed painting, ceramics, flowers, gardening and birds.

Mrs. DeWitt was born Dec. 18, 1932, in Garrett to Marion and Dessie (Sunday) Wells. In November 1983 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, she married Dwight DeWitt. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Glenda McClellan of LaOtto and Matt and Deb McClellan of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Melinda and Lee Hess of Monroeville; a brother, Phil Wells of Hamilton; three grandchildren, Jesse Hess, Sarah McClain and Aimee Johnson; four great-grandchildren, Katlin and Audrey Hess, Hunter McClain and Arissa Johnson; and several stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Twila Dail, Doris Miller and Carolyn Heffy.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, October 21, 2004, at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery in LaOtto.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Mary Easterday

ALBION — Mary Mae Easterday, 80, of Albion died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, in Avalon Village, Ligonier.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Albion and Albion Fire Department Auxiliary. She enjoyed doll-making and collecting. She was also a past Boy and Girl Scout leader.

She was born March 29, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Margaret (Kanning) Foster. She married Robert Easterday on Jan. 27, 1942, in Albion. He preceded her in death Sept. 19, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Juliana and Tony Price of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark Easterday and Jerry Lee and Dorothy Easterday, all of Albion; a brother, Charles Foster Jr. of Fremont; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandhcildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two daughters, Katerene and Debra.

Services were held Sunday, October 17, 2004, at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier with the Rev. Dave Kushman officiating.

Memorials are to the Albion Fire Department.

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Nicholas Henson

FORT WAYNE — Nicholas Adam Henson, 22, of Cromwell died Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries he sustained in a van-train accident Sunday night in Ligonier.

He was a machinist and a lifetime Noble County resident.

Mr. Henson enjoyed music and playing guitar. He also enjoyed nature and especially liked fishing.

He was born April 28, 1982, in Kendallville. His father, Jeffrey Henson, survives in Cromwell, and his mother and stepfather, Sharon and Steve Warstler, survive in Butler.

Also surviving are his girlfriend, Mary Pamer of Cromwell; a brother, Nathan Henson of Albion; a half sister, Kimbre Siebert of Kendallville; a stepbrother, Steven W. Warstler of Butler; and his maternal grandparents, Mary and Bill Stump of Sebring, Fla.

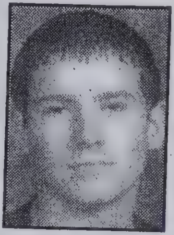
He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Rose and Oscar Henson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 21, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel with Pastor James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Daniel Heath Mack

BUTLER — Daniel Heath Mack, 16, of Butler died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.



Daniel Mack

He was a junior at Eastside High School in Butler and attended classes at Tri-State Middle College in Angola. He was active in Science Club, C.A.R.E.S., P.R.I.D.E. Club and Spanish Club. He played varsity baseball at third base and pitcher positions and was on the school yearbook staff. He worked at Kroger in Auburn.

He was born Feb. 15, 1988, in Auburn, to Daniel and Marlene (Emenhiser) Mack. They survive.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Heather and Gene Meyer of Butler; his grandparents, Franklin and Dorothy Mack of Hamilton and Jerry Emenhiser of Butler; a great-grandmother, Esther Applegate of Butler; many loving cousins, aunts and uncles, and his dog, Bear.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Helen Emenhiser, great-grandparents and great-uncles and aunts.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio, with the Rev. Doug Holley officiating.

Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery at Harlan.

Calling will be today from 1-8 p.m. (Indiana times) and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Eastside Class of 2006 Scholarship in memory of Heath Mack.

Lela Arnold

DECATUR — Lela M. Arnold, 95, of Decatur died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at Adams County Hospital Extended Care.

A homemaker and a retired cafeteria worker for Adams Central Schools, she was a member of the Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren, where she was the oldest member.

Suriving are three sons, Darrell, James and Harold Arnold, all of Decatur; four stepsons, Stanley Arnold of Decatur, Don Arnold of Milford, Bill Arnold of Auburn and Homer Arnold Jr. of Berne; a brother, Dorphus O. Schlickman of Decatur; a sister, Frances Heare of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Floyd A. "Peck" Arnold; her second husband, Homer Arnold; two brothers and a stepson.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren. Burial will be in Pleasant Dale Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Dewain Emory

ANGOLA — Dewain G. Emory, 78, of Angola and formerly of Pontiac, Mich., died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at home.

Mr. Emory was born Sept. 11, 1926, in Pontiac, to Floyd and Phena (Perkins) Emory. He was married to Ruby Bridgewater on Feb. 1, 1946. She survives.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. He retired from General Motors after 32 years. He enjoyed archery, hunting and fishing.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Randee and William Maule of Evart, Mich., Robin and Jim Kinney of Angola and Jodi Self of Port Huron, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Roy, Lyman, Daniel and Claude Emory; and a sister, Alice Wall.

Memorial services will be at a later date. There will be no calling.

Arrangements were handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the family care of Ruby Emory, 207 N. West St., Angola, IN 46703.

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Miles Shookman

INDIANAPOLIS — Miles B. Shookman, 82, of Indianapolis died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004.

Mr. Shookman retired in 1982 after 35 years of service as lubrication engineer for AMOCO Corps.

He was a former Kendallville resident and a 1940 graduate of Kendallville High School.

He was a member of Northwood Christian Church, Scottish Rite and a 50-year member of Calvin Prather Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Shookman was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Betty; a son, Kent Shookman; a daughter, Janet Simmermon; and a grandson, Matthew Simmermon.

Services were Tuesday at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center — Broad Ripple. Burial was in Washington Park North Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Northwood Christian Church.

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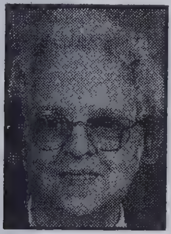
Carol Studebaker

WAWAKA — Carol May Studebaker, 78, of Wawaka died at 11:44 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.


Mrs. Studebaker

She had been employed as a cashier and bookkeeper for West Noble Schools, and was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church in Ligonier.

On May 24, 1926, in South Bend, she was born to Oscar B. and Effie F. (Bishop) Fields. On June 27, 1946, in South Bend, she married Vernon Studebaker. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Mrs. Studebaker had lived in Noble County since 1965. She was a member of the United Methodist Women, Hope Circle and Elkettes Homemakers Club, and she was active in Nomads, an organization helping to give aid to disaster areas. She enjoyed camping, traveling and her family, and with her late husband had wintered in Florida for many years.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Donald Ray and Penny Studebaker of South Carolina, William Jay and Joan Studebaker of Wawaka, and John Dale Studebaker of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Sue and Doug Schieber of Wawaka; two brothers, James Robert Fields of Bloomington, and Loyal E. Fields of Plymouth; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, her parents and a great-grandson preceded her in death.

Services were Monday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the church.

Jeanette Dyarman

ALBION — Jeanette Ruth Dyarman, 79, of rural Albion died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Dyarman had lived at her current address since moving there in 1982 from Fort Wayne, where she lived since 1973. Before that she lived in New Haven.

She had been a tool cutter grinder and worked at Harvester, General Electric and Dana during World War II.

Mrs. Dyarman enjoyed knitting, crocheting, sewing, reading and woodworking.

She was born March 3, 1925, in Burr Oak to Alvin and Dollie (Wheeler) Baker. On Nov. 15, 1943, in Fort Wayne, she married Orlando Dyarman. He died Aug. 1, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jo Ellen and William Praul of Wawaka; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Sandra Dyarman of New Haven and Gary and Linda Dyarman of Citrus Heights, Calif.; six grandchildren, Angie Hirsch, Amy Cardinal, Andrea Rowley, Kenneth Galligher, Sgt. Jennifer Dyarman and Kimberly Dyarman; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Ladd and Virginia Redmon.

Services were Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial was in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Gladys Cripe

SYRACUSE — Gladys R. Cripe, 86, of Syracuse died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, at 9:20 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor of Syracuse.

Born April 8, 1918, in Berne to John and Jessie (Lankhart) DeBolt, she was a retired inspector for Essex Wire. She enjoyed garage sales and visiting her friends.

On June 26, 1937, in Columbia City she married Earnie Cripe, who preceded her in death on Oct. 12, 1994.

Surviving are one daughter and one son-in-law, Connie and Eldon Smith of Ligonier; three sons and three daughters-in-law, Earnie and Cheryl Cripe, Jr. of LaGrange, Richard and Lois Cripe of Cromwell and Terry and Sally Cripe of Syracuse; one sister, Lois Joan Blake of Fort Wayne; and one brother, Harold "Jim" DeBolt of Syracuse; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jack Cripe; two grandchildren; five sisters, Arveda, Alice, Christeen, Rosemary, Marilyn; and five brothers, Francis, Kenneth, Robert, Raymond and David.

Graveside services were Wednesday at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating.

Calling was Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier.

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Man dies after train hits van

LIGONIER — A Cromwell man died early Monday, hours after he apparently drove his van around a railroad crossing arm and into the path of an oncoming train.

Police and railroad officials are trying to determine why Nicholas A. Henson, 22, of Cromwell ignored the crossing arms at the railroad crossing on C.R. 900N, also known as Gerber Street, in the city's industrial park.

The accident occurred at 9:43 p.m. Sunday. Henson was taken by the Samaritan helicopter to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He died at the hospital at 3:40 a.m. Monday, according to a hospital official.

Henson was northbound on Gerber Street in the city's industrial park when he "went around the crossing arms that were lowered," according to the police report.

His 1989 Plymouth minivan was struck by an eastbound Amtrak train. Henson was ejected from his vehicle, police said.

The engineer of the train told police the crossing arm and warning lights were operating at the time of the accident.

The accident remains under investigation by Ligonier police, along with officials from Norfolk Southern Railroad. Also at the scene were officials from the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Noble County EMS, Ligionier Fire Department and Sparta Township Fire Department.

Nicholas Henson

CROMWELL — Nicholas Adam Henson, 22, of Cromwell died at 3:40 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries he sustained in a van-train accident Sunday night in Ligonier.

He was a machinist and a lifetime Noble County resident.

Mr. Henson enjoyed music and playing guitar. He also enjoyed nature and especially liked fishing.

He was born April 28, 1982, in Kendallville. His father, Jeffrey Henson, survives in Cromwell, and his mother and stepfather, Sharon and Steve Warstler, survive in Butler.

Also surviving are his girlfriend, Mary Pamer of Cromwell; a brother, Nathan Henson of Albion; a half sister, Kimbre Siebert of Kendallville; a stepbrother, Steven W. Warstler of Butler; and his maternal grandparents, Mary and Bill Stump of Sebring, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Rose and Oscar Henson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Pastor James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Mary Easterday

ALBION — Mary Mae Easterday, 80, of Albion died at 10:35 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, in Avalon Village, Ligonier.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Albion and Albion Fire Department Auxiliary. She enjoyed doll-making and collecting. She was also a past Boy and Girl Scout leader.

She was born March 29, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Margaret (Kanning) Foster. She married Robert Easterday on Jan. 27, 1942, in Albion. He preceded her in death Sept. 19, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Juliana and Tony Price of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark Easterday and Jerry Lee and Dorothy Easterday, all of Albion; a brother, Charles Foster Jr. of Fremont; 10 grandchildren; four greatgrandhcildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two daughters, Katerene and Debra.

Memorial services were Sunday at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier with the Rev. Dave Kushman officiating.

Memorials are to the Albion Fire Department.

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W. Glen Jeakle

MUNCIE — W. Glen "Jake" Jeakle, 84, of Muncie died Wednesday evening, Oct. 20, 2004, at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Mr. Jeakle

Mr. Jeakle was a former Auburn resident.

He was born in Detroit, Mich., the son of William and Edna Jeakle.

He graduated from high school in Detroit and graduated from the University of Detroit in 1941. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps as a P-38 fighter pilot in the Pacific. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Purple Heart, among other medals and awards.

After the war he returned to Michigan, then moved in 1957 to Auburn, where he worked for the Borg-Warner Co. He moved to the Muncie facility in 1969, where he worked until retiring in 1997 as product manager. During his career, he received nine patents for his work.

He was a board member of the 475th Fighter Group Association, a member of the American Legion and attended Gethsemane United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 30 years, Earlene Yockey Jeakle; a son and daughter-in-law, William Glen Jeakle II and his wife, Loan, of Detroit; a daughter and son-in-law, Beryl and Steward Munroe of Miami, Fla.; four grandchildren, Diem, William Glen Jeakle III, Sydney and Steward; two great-grandchildren, Eleanor and Henry; his mother-in-law, Ruby Hess of Muncie; and a brother, Owen Jeakle of Punta Gorda, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Meeks Mortuary and Crematory Chapel, 415 E. Washington St., Muncie. Cremation will follow. Military rites will be conducted by the Veterans of Delaware County Honor Guard.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today and after 9 a.m. Saturday at Meeks Mortuary.

Memorials are to the 475th Fighter Museum, in care of Johnnie Peregoy, treasurer, 1414 E. Bassett Way, Anaheim, CA 92805. Online condolences may be sent to the family at meeksmortuary@sbcglobal.net.

Jim Shepherd

KENDALLVILLE — Jim Shepherd of Kendallville died at 8:26 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Dale DeLong

AVILLA — Dale DeLong, 56, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at his rural Avilla home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Sara Conrad

COLUMBIA CITY — Sara Jane Conrad, 85, of Columbia City died at 10:10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at The Oaks Living Center where she had been a resident since Oct. 5.

Mrs. Conrad was a homemaker. She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

She was born June 3, 1919, in Noble County to Willis and Ruth (Homsher) Mahnesmith. She spent her formative years on a farm north of Skinner Lake and was a graduate of Albion High School.

On Oct. 2, 1937, she married Ronald E. Conrad. He died April 10, 1993.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry K. and Patricia Conrad of Fort Wayne, Dennis and Peggy Conrad and Keith and Mary Conrad, all of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Kenneth Gaerte of Columbia City; a sister, Betty Saggars of Ligonier; two brothers, Carmen Mahnesmith of South Bend and Lee Mahnesmith of Terre Haute; a special friend, Wilbur Buffenbarger of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a sister, Mary Kathryn Stump, and a brother, Berton Mahnesmith.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Terry Zolman of Merriam Christian Chapel Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Gideons or Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to provide additional information.*

Ralph Longardner

LAOTTO — Ralph H. Longardner, 71, of LaOtto died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at his rural LaOtto home. He had been in failing health for the past year battling ALS.

Mr. Longardner

Mr. Longardner had been a furnace operator with Slater Steel in Fort Wayne and a LaOtto resident 39 years.

He was U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean conflict and a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

He enjoyed doing woodworking, gardening, fishing, working puzzles and spending time with his family.

Mr. Longardner was born July 3, 1933, to Cornelius and Ursie (Driver) Longardner. On Nov. 19, 1952, at the Church of God in Fort Wayne, he married Guilia Gibson. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ralph E. and Becky Longardner of Avilla and Michael L. Longardner of LaOtto; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Kurt Hayden of Kendallville and Holly Ann and Dallas Fike of Avilla; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Betty and Jack Myers and Virginia and Harold Shoppell, all of Avilla, Violet Seffernick of Fort Wayne and Doris and Jerry Whitbroth of Michigan; a brother and sister-in-law, Ned and Martha Longardner of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Rob and Jennie Longardner, Rhea and Kelly Kammerer, Tina and Eric Emery, Kallie Longardner, Summer and Tyler Moser, and Nicholas, Natasha, Haley and Zachary Hayden; and five great-grandchildren, Ashley Longardner, Addison Longardner, Kristin Kammerer, Sierra Kammerer and Parker Emery.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald and Cornelius Longardner, and a sister, Barbara Collins.

Services were at 11 a.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Burial was in Swan Cemetery, rural LaOtto.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice.

Jack Kellam

ELKHART — Jack Mark Kellam, 50, died unexpectedly at 6:50 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at his home.

He was born Aug. 28, 1954, in Wolf Lake to Donald and Irene "Renie" (Brownstein) Kellam. He married Neta A. Clark on Oct. 30, 1990, in Goshen. She survives.

He worked for Sam's Club for 15 years and formerly worked as a truck driver for Kidd & Co. in Ligonier. He was a 1972 graduate of West Noble High School and a 1976 graduate of Edison Community College in Fort Myers, Fla.

He was a member of the Ligonier Lodge 185 Free and Accepted Masons and the Bristol Sons of the American Legion. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. He was a Kansas City Chiefs fan and enjoyed fishing, golf and the Florida beaches.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kimberly Barnes-Epper of Fort Myers, Fla.; three stepsons, James and Teresa Bussie of Topeka, Charles and Amy Wysong of Columbia City and Mitch Wysong of Muncie; a stepdaughter, Cherie and Dave Musselman of Ligonier; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Christine Shelburn; and a stepgrandson.

Services were Monday in Elkhart at Billings Funeral Home.

Cremation followed the service. Burial will be at a later date in Ligonier.

A Masonic memorial service by Ligonier Lodge 185 was held Sunday.

Online condolences may be sent to www.billingsfuneralhome.com.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Evelyn Hippenhammer

HUDSON — Evelyn R. (Wall) Hippenhammer, 81, of Hudson died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hippenhammer was born in Wells County on Aug. 5, 1923, to Ira and Delsie (Smith) Lambert. She was a former employee of Sacred Heart Home and Carlin Park Health Care Center.

She was a member of the Hudson United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rex A. and Pat Wall of Ashley and Steven D. and Brenda Wall of Corunna; a brother, Milford Lambert of Markle; two sisters, Treva Taylor of Huntington and Verda Patton of Zanesville, Ohio; four grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Noble F. Wall, in 1959; her second husband, Russell Hippenhammer in 1999; and a son, Guilford L. Wall in 1971.

Memorial graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Circle Cemetery, Hudson, with the Rev. Rex S. Charles officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

Marsha Van Gessel

FORT WAYNE — Marsha E. Van Gessel, 52, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at her home.

Ms. Van Gessel

She was a homemaker. She had moved to Fort Wayne in 2003 from Kendallville.

She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

She enjoyed traveling, sewing, painting, collecting various items and doing stain glass work. She also enjoyed spending time with her family.

She was born Jan. 13, 1952, in Garrett to Keith and Gwendolyn (Southern) Sheets. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jennifer "Jenni" Van Gessel of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Josh and Liv Van Gessel of rural Avilla and Ryan and Carrie Van Gessel of Kendallville; and a grandson, Carter Van Gessel.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Sheets, in January 1978.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to services Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Breast Cancer Society.

William Schrock

MIDDLEBURY — William J. Schrock, 78, of Middlebury died at 4:10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Schrock was a farmer and ran a woodworking shop at his home. He had moved to the area from Kansas in 1941.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born May 10, 1926, in Reno County, Kan., to Jacob S. and Lydian (Miller) Schrock. On Jan. 20, 1949, in LaGrange County he married Mary L. Weaver. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Katie and Orva M. Bontrager and Wilma and Christ Miller Jr., all of Middlebury; two sons and daughters-in-law, Clarence and Ruby Schrock of Middlebury and Marvin and Arlene Schrock of Dalton, Wis.; a sister and brother-in-law, Amanda and Ben Borntreger of Wilton, Wis.; a brother, Andy Schrock of LaGrange; 33 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a great-grandson; four brothers; and one sister.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the family home with Bishop Samuel E. Bontrager and the Rev. Norman Miller officiating. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be after noon Saturday and all day Sunday at the family home.

Curt Shepherd

KENDALLVILLE — Curt Shepherd, 68, of Kendallville died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Shepherd was employed with Dana Corp. for 26 years. He was a member of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley and a member of the Eagles Lodge in Kendallville. He enjoyed fishing, watching local softball games, bingo and playing cards.

Mr. Shepherd

He was born in Hippo, Ky., June 28, 1936, to Floyd and Sally (Reffitt) Shepherd. They preceded him in death.

On Nov. 22, 1958, in Kendallville, he married Dora Herron. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sonya and Glen Hurst of Kendallville; a grandson, Andrew Hurst of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Eugene and Lorrain Shepherd of Kendallville and Roger and Bessie Shepherd of Fort Wayne; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Patty Sue and Floyd Davis of Hippo, Ky., Irene and Kenneth Castle of Blue River, Ky., Juanita and Cecil Crum of Banner, Ky., and Dora and Kenneth Lazar of Prestonsburg, Ky.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Janie Handshoe and Madlean Coburn.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. David Bolen will officiate. Burial will be at Fairfield Center Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent or sign the guest book online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Blu Bellinger

CARBONDALE, Ill. — Blu G. Bellinger, 28, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at the Center for Comprehensive Services in Carbondale, Ill.

Mr. Bellinger was born in Fort Wayne. He loved skateboarding.

He is survived by his mother, Marjorie Martin of Auburn; his father, David C. Bellinger of Louisville, Ky.; a stepbrother, Farrel Martin of Corunna; a sister, Faye Hoot of Churubusco; his stepfather, Terry Martin of Auburn; and his grandparents, Kenneth and Betty Rose of Carson City, Nev.

He was preceded in death by grandparents Clare Bellinger and Dorothy Battenburg.

Graveside services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

A memorial service will take place Monday at 2 p.m. in Calvary Chapel Worship Center, 5874 C.R. 427, Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Roy Acker Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Roy Thomas Acker Sr., 89, of Kendallville died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at 7:48 p.m. at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Mr. Acker was a truck driver for Newnam Foundry for 38 years, retiring in 1974. He lived in the Kendallville area for most of his life and had been a resident at Kendallville Manor since July 2000.

He was born May 16, 1915, in LaGrange County to Alva Sr. and Mignon (Hills) Acker.

He married Dorothy Winebrenner on Oct. 26, 1935, in Auburn. She died in July 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roy T. Jr. and Beverly Acker of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Margaret Davis of Wolcottville and Linda and Roger Smith of Wolcottville; a sister and brother-in-law, Catherine and Robert Luke of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Dorothy Acker of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 10 stepgreat-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, three sisters and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dan Conley of Stroh Church of God officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Dale DeLong

AVILLA — Dale L. DeLong, 56, of Avilla died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at his home.

Mr. DeLong was a lifetime farmer and also a truck driver for Hartford City Paper in Hartford City. He was a member of the American Legion in Avilla.

He was a 1966 graduate of Avilla High School and was a U.S. Army veteran, stationed in Germany from 1968-1970.

Mr. DeLong was born Aug. 29, 1948, in Auburn to Harold O. and Ida Mae (Smith) DeLong. His father died Sept. 26, 1978. His mother died Oct. 27, 1999.

Surviving are five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Harold Amos DeLong of Churubusco, Robert and Janice DeLong of LaGrange, LeRoy and Jane DeLong of Auburn, Hugh and Ramonda DeLong of Albion and Paul and Sherri DeLong of Avilla; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Carolyn and Dave Lash of Kendallville, Loretta and Chuck Nesbitt of Avilla, and Diana Morse of Kendallville; 11 nieces; 11 nephews; 18 great-nephews; and 16 great-nieces.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Dean Bearman will officiate. Burial will be at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Envelopes will e available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent or gn the register book online at ww.hitefuneralhome.com.

Barbara Mae Peters

WATERLOO — Barbara Mae Peters, 67, of Waterloo died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Peters served as the office manager at the YMCA of DeKalb County in Auburn for 18 years, retiring in 2002. She was an active member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo.

She was born April 22, 1937, in Auburn, to Ralph and Hazel (Albright) Lockhart.

Surviving are her husband, Max E. Peters; four sons and daughters-in-law, Mark E. and Cindy Peters of Waterloo, David W. and Rose Peters of Ashley, Timothy R. and Diana Peters of Elkton, Md., and Matthew A. and Kristina Peters of Noblesville; a daughter and son-in-law, Sarah L. and Mark Foster of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Jean Lockhart of Ashley; and six grandchildren, Joshua Peters and his wife, Jessica, Rebekah Foster, John Foster, Thomas Peters, Jessica Peters and Tyler Peters.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Marjorie Forrest.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo, with Steve Evans officiating. Burial will be in the Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Nancy Sellers

GARRETT — Nancy L. "Sugar" "Mammy" Sellers, 63, of Garrett, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sellers was a dispatcher for Delux Taxi for four years, retiring in 1993. She enjoyed spending time with her cats, traveling and corresponding with her pen pals.

She was born March 23, 1941, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son, Mark D. Thompson of Garrett; two daughters, Marsha R. Gonzales of Garrett and Molly Thompson of Garrett; a brother, Kenneth Wegman of Silver Lake; two sisters, Barbara Bartle of Grabill and Lillian Harding of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Patrick E. and Erica Rose, both of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lavon E. Thompson, in June 1985; her second husband, Harold A. Sellers, on March 21, 1991; a sister, Rose Wegman, and her parents.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the family or the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Geneva Baker

CENTREVILLE, Mich. — Geneva Irene Baker, 73, of Centreville died Friday, Oct. 22, 2004, at Alamo Nursing Home in Alamo, Mich.

Mrs. Baker was once a resident of Rome City, Ind., and Constantine. She had lived in Centreville for five years.

She worked as a machine operator at Arco Rubber in Schoolcraft, Mich. Mrs. Baker enjoyed playing bingo.

She was born Aug. 7, 1931, in Kendallville to John and Velda (Herendeen) Leitch. They preceded her in death.

She married James Floyd Baker. He died Dec. 12, 1990.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Bob Molitor of Gobles; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Selma Combs of Marcellus, and Ben and Jeniece Leitch of Vicksburg; a brother, Wayne Leitch of Fostoria, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Calvin and Arnold Leitch, and a sister, Betty Lou Leitch.

Graveside services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the Avilla Cemetery in Avilla, Ind., with Pastor Steve Herendeen officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Alamo Nursing Home, 8290 W. C Ave., Alamo, MI, 49009.

Arrangements are being handled by the Eickhoff, Farrand, Halverson Chapel, Three Rivers, Mich.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Joseph "Joey" Sparkman** were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles Mosley officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers were Gary Chaffins, Josh Sparkman, Kyle Hayes, Nathaniel Holton, River Chaffins and Aaron Williams. Honorary pallbearers were Chris Hughes and Shawn Days.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Lucille M. Eash** were held at 10 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with conducting president Jeffrey Murphy officiating. Burial was in South Milford Cemetery. Pallbearers were Hassel Gayheart, Robert Rupley, Jason Rupley, Phil Stewart, Scott Blankenship and Wayne Short.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Robert Lee Sayles** were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Gene Flickinger officiating. Burial, with graveside rites by VFW Post 2749, was in Lake View Cemetery.

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Sewing expert loved to teach others

BY BILL GISEL
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AUBURN — Rosemary Moore loved helping and teaching others.

Mrs. Moore, 83, died Oct. 11 after an illness of about five months.

Kendra Freeman, Extension educator with the DeKalb Extension Homemakers, said Mrs. Moore "was dedicated through and through to DeKalb Extension. She really enjoyed sewing baby blankets and making stuffed animals for Riley Children's Hospital."

Her good friend, A.J. Kuhn, said Mrs. Moore was very special.

"She inspired so many people, and she was always so pleasant," Kuhn recalled. Mrs. Moore was active in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and was a 56-year member of the Charm and Chatter Home Extension Club. She also was a member of the DeKalb Sewing Club.

"She really loved to sew," Kuhn said.

According to Kuhn, the art of sewing "missed a generation" and while few mothers today sew, their daughters are interested in doing so. "She worked with girls in (first-, second- and third-year) 4-H, teaching and encouraging," she said.

Kuhn said Mrs. Moore's sewing machine and sewing supplies — which are being given to her — are being donated to 4-H and RSVP.

Mrs. Moore enjoyed quilting, and was active in the RSVP's annual Labor Day quilt show to benefit the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival.

"I have a quilt on my frame right now that has Rosie's stitches on it," Kuhn explained. "She told me recently that her stitches were getting too big, that I probably didn't want them on my quilt. I told her that they could cover up my poor stitches," Kuhn said with a laugh. "Katie Dooley, who is the youngest member of the sewing club at 18, also is on that quilt."

"She had a really close circle of friends, young and old, which I thought was just incredible," Kuhn said. "From her there was just so much to learn, and so much wisdom to be cherished."

Freeman said Mrs. Moore attended Northeast Indiana Homemakers Camp, where she taught craft classes, for a number of years.

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Rosemary Moore, right, shared a Christmas-time moment last year with her friend, A.J. Kuhn, and Kuhn's grandson, Steven Michael Lint, then 10 months.

"She was very active in the county as president (of the Extension Homemakers) and served on committees, including the tasting bee and cultural arts," she said.

Mrs. Moore's interests extended to music, and she was a supporter of the Community Concerts series.

"She didn't play, but she loved music," Kuhn said. Her late daughter, Lyn Cook, was a musician, as are some of Mrs. Moore's grandchildren. Memorials were to the Rex Moore Music Mentor fund of the DeKalb Music Association in honor of her late husband.

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Mr. Nelson was 'ornery,' a 'jolly storyteller'

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Even though he was in failing health for the last 10 years of his life, Willis Nelson couldn't be kept down.

"He was ornery," said Mr. Nelson's daughter, Kathy Foster. "Damn, he was ornery. He always wanted to go out and get coffee. My mom would tell him he didn't need to be going out because it was snowing or something, but he'd tell her he was going, and he would."

Looking back now, Kathy said, she's happy that's how her dad was.

"Now we're glad he didn't mind us, because he'd have spent the last years of his life in the house trapped in his chair," she said.

Kathy said her father was always happy, even as the health problems that would eventually claim his life weakened him. Before he died, Mr. Nelson had waged battles against a number of medical conditions, including congestive heart failure, Parkinson's disease, diabetes, kidney failure and a broken hip.

Still, Kathy said, her father, who was born and raised in rural Michigan — was "a jolly storyteller."

"He used to tell a story where he and his brothers and sisters chased a bear into there one-room school house," she remembered with a smile in her voice. "They had one kid at each door to shut them. They chased the bear in and shut the door — this was at night — and left the bear in there so the teacher found it the next morning and freaked out."

Kathy paused thoughtfully.

"And he always wondered why we were so ornery," she said.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Willis Nelson holds his newborn grandson, Ethan, in this 1995 family photo.

Mr. Nelson was a big man — well over 6 feet tall, his daughter said, and close to 300 pounds. But beneath his strong exterior, Kathy said, beat the heart of a sensitive poet.

"He loved to write poetry for people," she said. "He'd write poems for the people who touched his life, whether it was one of us or a waitress who'd been especially nice to him at the coffee shop."

Kathy said her father had a book of his poems published once. The book was sold locally at Gen's Hallmark, and she remembers his excitement over having a book signing there.

Willis and Virginia would have celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary in December. Virginia said she remembers her husband as "very sociable — he always wanted to be at the coffee shop.

"We actually met through some mutual friends," she said. "I was maybe 22 or 23, and he was two years older. They were having a cookout, and they invited both of us."

The couple married in 1960, and had two children — Kathy was born first, followed by their son, Gordon. Mr. Nelson was always at his children's activities, and was a huge supporter of school sports.

"Gordy played football, and he loved all those sports," Virginia said. "He'd always go to watch and cheer him on. He was a great dad."

When he became a grandfather, Kathy said, he was just as supportive of the grandkids.

"My brother's son, Brandon — he's 16 — plays the French horn in the orchestra in Coldwater (Mich.)," Kathy said. "He was always supportive of Brandon's music. And my son, Ethan, who'll be 9 in November, is a dirt bike racer."

Kathy said what she and her mother would like now is for the people who helped their father and husband through his rough years to know is that they appreciated it.

"The people who worked at the coffee shop, the fire department, the police department, our family and friends," Kathy said. "We really wanted to thank them and let them know how much it meant to us that they were keeping an eye on him."

Margaret Nesbitt

LIGONIER — Margaret "Peg" L. Nesbitt, 86, died Friday, Oct. 22, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital. She had been a Ligonier resident until recently when she moved to the American Health Care Center in Goshen.

On Sept. 24, 1918, in Turkey Creek Township in Kosciusko County, she was born to Fred and Blanche (Wilkinson) Green. She married Samuel "Deb" Nesbitt in Brimfield on Sept. 30, 1936. He preceded her in death in 1975.

Mrs. Nesbitt

She had worked as a press operator at Essex Wire in Ligonier for 24 years.

Mrs. Nesbitt had been a member of the Friendship Club in Ligonier, and enjoyed reading, traveling and especially being with her family. She was a nature lover.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Nancy Nesbitt, Elkhart, and Jerry and Avis Nesbitt, Ligonier; a daughter, Catherine Sprunger, Elkridge, Md.; a sister, Lois "Sally" Dodds, Syracuse; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Edwin Green.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Call is 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Health Care Center, Goshen.

Donald J. Myers

ANGOLA — Donald J. Myers, 83, Angola, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On May 5, 1921, in Auburn, he was born to Michael and Imo (Anderson) Myers. He married Melva Y. Myers on April 21, 1946. She preceded him in death on Nov. 12, 1996.

He had lived in Angola for 56 years.

Mr. Myers owned Tuttle's Jewelry in Angola for 53 years, and was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps veteran.

He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, the Angola Moose Lodge and the Angola Masonic Lodge 236.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Lewis and Olga Myers, Valparaiso, and Dr. Keith and Nancy Myers, Hillsdale, Mich.; a sister, Thelma Brinkman, of Syracuse; and four grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by four brothers, John, Austen, Mike and Stan Myers.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. E. Brian "Skip" Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and/or Breeden YMCA.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is published again to correct visitation time from the funeral home.*

Dale L. DeLong

AVILLA — Dale L. DeLong, 56, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at his residence west of Avilla.

In Auburn on Aug. 29, 1948, he was born to Harold O. and Ida Mae (Smith) DeLong. His father preceded him in death on Sept. 26, 1978, and his mother preceded him in death on Oct. 27, 1999.

He was a lifetime farmer and also a truck driver for Hartford City Paper, Hartford City.

Mr. DeLong was a 1966 Avilla High School graduate, a U.S. Army veteran stationed in Germany from 1968-1970, and a member of the American Legion in Avilla.

Surviving are five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Harold Amos DeLong, Churubusco, Robert and Janice DeLong, LaGrange, LeRoy and Jane DeLong, Albion, and Paul and Sherri DeLong, Avilla; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Carolyn and Dave Lash, Kendallville, Loretta and Chuck Nesbitt, Avilla, and Diana Morse, Kendallville; 11 nieces; 11 nephews; 18 great nephews; and 16 great nieces.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery following the services.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., and envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Condolences can be sent or sign the register book online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Martha Perry

ALBION — Martha P. Perry, 89, of Albion, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

She had been a resident of Millers Merry Manor in Columbia City for several years, and had lived most of her life in Albion.

Mrs. Perry

Mrs. Perry ran Noel's Greenhouse in Albion for a number of years, and she retired in 1976 from the Elkhart County Jail where she had been head cook. She loved cooking, especially homemade noodles and baking cookies, and preparing meals for her family.

She was born May 5, 1915, in Woodburn to George and Ida (Fergusson) Cook. She was affiliated with the Church of Christ.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Herbert Perry of Wolf Lake and Milo "Mike" and Joy Perry of Millen, Ga.; six grandchildren, Christine Gisel and her husband, Bill, of Kendallville, Scott Perry and his wife, Teresa, of Wolf Lake, Sonya Perry, Sheila Schwartz and her husband, James, of South Whitley, Patricia Easterday and her husband, Jim, and Wendy Perry of Indianapolis; a sister, Elva Cook of Albion; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; seven sisters and three brothers.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Craig Myers officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Noble House.

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Vernon Crozier

AUBURN — Vernon K. Crozier, 73, of Auburn died Friday, Oct. 22, 2004, at his residence.

He was a member of Teamsters Local 414 and was an over-the-road truck driver for 16 years. He then was district manager for nine years for J and D Corp., owners of Arby's restaurants, retiring in 1983. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Crozier attended Rome City United Methodist Church and he enjoyed fishing.

He was born Sept. 9, 1931, in Bluffton to Francis and Martha (Leimenstoll) Crozier.

On April 17, 1953, he married Clara L. (Paulson) Crozier in Watertown, S.D. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Kerry F. Crozier of Waterloo; three daughters, Vicky R. Mavis of Auburn, Cynthia A. Crozier of Telluride, Colo., and Deanna K. Schaefer of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; two brothers, Lester Crozier of Modesto, Calif., and Jay Crozier of Ossian; and one sister, Wanetta West of Bluffton.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one brother, Melvin Crozier; a half brother, Harold A. Crozier; a sister, Wanda Dial; and a half sister, Naomi Yocum.

Services were today at the Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 2270 Lake Avenue, Suite 200, Fort Wayne, 46805.

Jeanett Bush

PLEASANT LAKE — Jeanett G. Bush, 72, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, in her Golden Lake home.

Mrs. Bush

Mrs. Bush was a member of Ashley United Methodist Church. She was a homemaker.

Born March 16, 1932, in Ashley, she was the daughter of Harold and Enid (Montgomery) Wagoner.

On Feb. 17, 1951, in Angola, she married William E. Bush. He died Dec. 14, 2002.

Surviving are three sons, James A. Bush of Fort Wayne, and Harold E. "Butch" Bush and Daniel R. Bush, both of Angola; five daughters, Terri Furnish of Golden Lake, Robin Hammond of Leo, Joyce Bush of Golden Lake, Margie Salinis of Angola and Penny Alwine of Kendallville; one sister, Laura Lee Hawn of Garrett; 20 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Shallon Bush; and two sisters, June Deller and Carol Miller.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice and Home Health Services.

Donald Garman

LAOTTO — Donald A. Garman, 75, of LaOtto died Friday, Oct. 22, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Garman had retired from the U.S. Army after serving in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He had 25 years of active and reserve service.

He had also retired from the health care field and had worked for Anthony Wayne Vending.

Mr. Garman was a member of American Legion Post 240 and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

He was born Nov. 13, 1928, in New Haven.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn A. (Gildehaus) Garman of LaOtto; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon A. and Edgard Long and Denise A. and Jack Mossburg, all of LaOtto, and Kim A. and James Dietsch of Pierceton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel A. and Lisa Garman of New Haven and David A. and Sarah Garman of New Haven; a brother, Ronald E. Garman of Arizona; a sister, Marcell Schane of Churubusco; 21 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Huntertown United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home and one hour prior to services at the church Wednesday.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or the American Cancer Society.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Dale DeLong

AVILLA — Dale L. DeLong, 56, of Avilla died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at his home.

Mr. DeLong was a lifetime farmer and also a truck driver for Hartford City Paper in Hartford City. He was a member of the American Legion in Avilla.

He was a 1966 graduate of Avilla High School and was a U.S. Army veteran, stationed in Germany from 1968-1970.

Mr. DeLong was born Aug. 29, 1948, in Auburn to Harold O. and Ida Mae (Smith) DeLong. His father died Sept. 26, 1978. His mother died Oct. 27, 1999.

Surviving are five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Harold Amos DeLong of Churubusco, Robert and Janice DeLong of LaGrange, LeRoy and Jane DeLong of Auburn, Hugh and Ramonda DeLong of Albion and Paul and Sherri DeLong of Avilla; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Carolyn and Dave Lash of Kendallville, Loretta and Chuck Nesbitt of Avilla, and Diana Morse of Kendallville; 11 nieces; 11 nephews; 18 great-nephews; and 16 great-nieces.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Dean Bearman will officiate. Burial will be at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent or sign the register book online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Doris Cameron

GARRETT — Doris Esther (Saylor) Cameron, 82, of Garrett died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was employed at General Electric for four years, and at G.C. Murphy's for 20 years.

She was a member of the Union Township Homemaker's Club and past president of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR).

Mrs. Cameron was born May 27, 1922, in Van Wert, Ohio.

Her husband, Loyal G. "Dutch" Cameron, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Jerry Frain of Garrett; and two grandsons and their wives, Tim and Theresa Frain of Fort Wayne and Jeff and Missie Frain of Auburn.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Hospital.

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Former state Senate leader 'Potch' Wheeler dies at 75

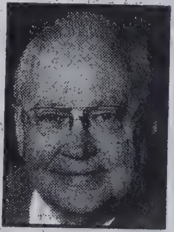
COLUMBIA CITY — ormer state Sen. Harold H. 'Potch" Wheeler, 75, of olumbia City died at 7 a.m. onday, Oct. 25, 2004, at ospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wheeler was appointed enator for District 17 in 1983 nd was re-elected to the osition three times until his ealth failed and he retired in ctober 2002.

While serving in the Senate, e was majority caucus hairman and was a member of any committees.

He was the secretary and easurer of the family well rilling and plumbing business, .C. Wheeler & Sons, in Etna.

Mr. Wheeler graduated from orth Webster High School in 947. He was a member of the arwill Due Guard Lodge &A.M., Mizpah Shrine, cottish Rite, Columbia City Eagles Lodge and a life member of the Columbia City Elks Lodge.


Mr. Wheeler

He had served as the Etna-Troy Township trustee and as a Whitley County commissioner. He had served on the Whitley County Board of Education and the Columbia City Joint School Board and on many other community boards.

Mr. Wheeler was born Sept. 4, 1929, in Ormas to Melvin C. and Blondine (Moore) Wheeler. On June 18, 1950, in Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City, he married Darlene Adamson. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Johnna Lu Shepard of Columbia City and Tara Lea and Tommy Shears of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Kim H. and Phyllis Wheeler of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Rosemary Wheeler of Columbia City; a sister and brother-in-law, Louann and Jack Foster of Columbia City; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Dr. Robert Dygert-Gearheart officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. both Wednesday and Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurses & Hospice Home.

Former lawmaker 'Potch' Wheeler dies

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Former Republican state Sen. Harold "Potch" Wheeler of Larwill died early Monday after battling bone cancer. He was 75.

Wheeler

Wheeler served Senate District 17 in northern Indiana from 1983 to 2002, and was majority caucus chairman before he retired.

"It is impossible to capture, with just a few words, the essence of a dear friend," Senate President Pro Tem Robert Garton, R-Columbus, said in a written statement. "He was respected and beloved, but those words alone do not adequately illustrate his wit, charm, integrity and leadership."

Wheeler was an avid golfer and fisherman and had an integral role in his family's plumbing and heating business, M.C. Wheeler & Sons, Inc., founded by his great-grandfather in 1884.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene; his children, Johnna, Kim and Tara; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

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C. Jean Wert

KENDALLVILLE — C. Jean Wert of Kendallville died at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at her home. Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Howard Weade

LIGONIER — Howard E. Weade, 78, of Ligonier died at 9:55 a.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Weade was a retired grain tester for Lyon-Greenleaf and a carpet layer.

He was a graduate of Wolf Lake High School and a member of the Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed ice fishing, playing cards and reading.

Mr. Weade

Mr. Weade was born Nov. 17, 1925, in Noble County to Hobart and Celia (Knapp) Weade. On Jan. 18, 1947, in Etna, he married Christine Gumm. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Kenny Miller of Ligonier; a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Dianne Weade of Syracuse; a sister, Wilma Mock of Wilmot; a brother, Woodward Weade of Kimmell; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Orphia Sprague.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness of Ligonier United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Eagles Lodge.

Lovell Smith

FINDLAY, Ohio — Lovell Mearl Smith, 75, of Findlay died at 11:50 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, at Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center in Findlay.

Mr. Smith was retired from United Aircraft Products as a machinist. He was a member of the VFW Men's Auxiliary. He enjoyed playing euchre and bingo, going to casinos and enjoyed his dogs Peaches and Taffy.

Mr. Smith was born April 23, 1929, in Hardin County to Lovell S. and Winifred (Elwood) Smith. On May 25, 1957, he married Barbara Snyder. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Gary Smith-Elkin, Edward and Sherry Smith and Christopher Smith, all of Findlay, and Thomas and Ellie Smith of Everett, Wash.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandy Jo and David Alacia of Youngstown; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Harold "Hoke" Smith of Findlay and Don and Carol Smith of North Baltimore; a sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Dan Clinger of Findlay; and 17 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Mark Smith; three brothers, Everett, Larry and William Smith; and four sisters, Maxine Palmerton, Betty Saum, Dana Cooper and Carol "Kay" Eckert.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Coldren-Crates Funeral Home in Findlay with the Rev. Richard Kreal officiating. Burial will be in Hassan Cemetery with military rites.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Humane Society & SPCA of Hancock County, 4550 Fostoria Ave., Findlay, Ohio 45840.

Eunice Moses

GARRETT — Eunice R. Moses, 93, of Garrett died Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at 7:15 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mrs. Moses worked as a nurse's aide at Garrett Community Hospital and the Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett, retiring in 1976. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Born in Indianapolis on Sept. 5, 1911, she was the daughter of Lamar and Zola (Warford) Rufner,

In 1968, she married Henry Moses. He preceded her in death in 1983.

Surviving are four daughters, Nancy Panning of Garrett, Donna Benner of Auburn, Frankie Bennett of Largo, Fla., and Roberta Richards of Ashley; one stepdaughter, Betty Smith of Garrett; one stepson, Bill Moses of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Jack Rufner of Florida; and one sister, Betty Hart of Michigan;

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Dorcus Perry; a son, Fayette Parker; two brothers, Nathan and Joseph Rufner; three sisters, Dorcus Rufner, Marcil Shook and Marjorie Rufner; and one grandchild.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Nancy Fogle

SPENCERVILLE — Nancy J. Fogle, 68, of Spencerville died Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fogle worked at Sheller Globe in Grabill for 30 years, retiring in 1998. She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville.

She was born Oct. 3, 1936, in Spencerville to Delbert and Garnet (Hudson) Furnish. They preceded her in death. Her first husband, Davey Doll Sr., died in 1974. Her second husband, Charles Fogle, died in 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Davey Doll Jr. and Jill Doll of New Carlisle; three daughters and sons-in-law, Tonda and Stan Pence of Garrett, Ronda and Marty Fogle of St. Joe, and Sonda and Bob Doctor of St. Joe; three stepchildren and their spouses, Mark Fogle of Harlan, Cindy and Rod Gorrell of Harlan and Mitch and Jennifer Fogle of LaGrange; two brothers, James Furnish of Hamilton and Jerry Furnish of Auburn; two sisters, Judy Howard of Union City, Ohio, and Bonnie Raeke of Grabill; a sister-in-law, Evelyn Edwards of Leo; a cousin, Dorothy Schrader of Auburn; 11 grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, William Furnish, and a sister, Betty Furnish.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Spencerville. The Rev. Russell Snyder will officiate. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Memorials are to the Eastside High School Athletic Department, St. Peter's Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Harold Staley

AUBURN — Harold R. Staley, 81, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, at 10 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Staley was a maintenance worker at the International Harvester for 34 years. He served in the U.S. Army from May 4, 1943, to Dec. 27, 1945.

He was born July 15, 1923, in Indianapolis to Leo and Helen (Delloff) Staley. Both parents preceded him in death.

On July 20, 1947, in Indianapolis, he married Phyllis Gillingham. She preceded him in death on Sept. 8, 1986.

Surviving are six sons and four daughters-in-law, Barry Staley of Rome City, Mark Staley of Auburn, Gary and Linda Staley of Leo, Harold Staley Jr. and Debbie Staley of Wayne, Mich., Philip and Liez Staley of Lancaster, Calif., and Steve and Beth Staley of Edgerton, Ohio; one daughter and son-in-law, Chris and Chuck Gee of Leo; 18 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with the Rev. Joseph Mann officiating.

Butler's post of the American Legion will conduct graveside military services at Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information.*

Nancy Sellers

GARRETT — Nancy L. "Sugar" "Mammy" Sellers, 63, of Garrett died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sellers was a dispatcher for Delux Taxi for four years, retiring in 1993. She enjoyed spending time with her cats, traveling and corresponding with her pen pals. Her family considered her a wonderful mother and will greatly miss her.

She was born March 23, 1941, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son, Mark D. Thompson of Garrett; two daughters, Marsha R. Gonzales of Garrett and Molly K. Thompson of Garrett; a brother, Kenneth Wegman of Silver Lake; two sisters, Barbara Bartle of Grabill and Lillian Harding of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Patrick E. and Erica Rose, both of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lavon E. Thompson, on June 9, 1985; her second husband, Harold A. Sellers, on March 21, 1991; a sister, Rose Wegman, and her parents.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Memorials are to the family or the DeKalb County Humane Society.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided to the newspaper.*

Jeanette Bush

PLEASANT LAKE — Jeanette G. Bush, 72, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at her home on Golden Lake.

Mrs. Bush

Mrs. Bush was a member of Ashley United Methodist Church. She was a homemaker.

Born March 16, 1932, in Ashley, she was the daughter of Harold and Enid (Montgomery) Wagoner.

On Feb. 17, 1951, in Angola, she married William E. Bush. He died Dec. 14, 2002.

Surviving are three sons, James A. Bush of Fort Wayne, and Harold E. "Butch" Bush and Daniel R. Bush, both of Angola; five daughters, Terri Furnish of Golden Lake, Robin Hammond of Leo, Joyce Bush of Golden Lake, Margie Salinis of Angola and Penny Alwine of Kendallville; one sister, Laura Lee Hawn of Garrett; 20 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Shallon Bush; and two sisters, June Deller and Carol Miller.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery of Hudson. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice and Home Health Services.

Natalie Gregory

BLOOMINGTON — Natalie Belen Gregory, infant daughter of Abram and Elizabeth (Routsong) Gregory of Bloomington, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis.

Natalie was born Oct. 1, 2004, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Surviving with her parents are a brother, Austin; grandparents, David and Daralee Gregory of Fort Wayne and Bill and Linda Routsong of Kendallville; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and great-grandparents.

Services will be at noon Wednesday at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center — Washington Park East, 10722 E. Washington St., Indianapolis. Burial will be in Washington Park East Cemetery. Calling will be from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Kathleen Johnson

LEHIGH ACRES, Fla. — Kathleen C. "Keke" Johnson, 76, of Lehigh Acres and formerly of Pretty Lake in LaGrange County, Ind., died at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, at the home of a daughter.

Mrs. Johnson had also formerly lived in Decatur, Ind., and Fort Wayne, Ind.

She was a beautician and had retired from the Allen County, Ind., Welfare Department after 21 years of service as a switchboard operator. She had also served as a cafeteria worker at Southeast Elementary School.

Mrs. Johnson was a former member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Decatur, the Decatur American Legion Auxiliary and the Pretty Lake Conservation Club.

She was born April 9, 1928, in Pleasant Mills, Ind., to William and Aletha (Roop) Noll. On Feb. 6, 1949, in Decatur, she married Karl Frederick Johnson. He died Aug. 27, 1995.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Kent Coyle and Kristie and Scott Wilder, all of Lehigh Acres; a son, Kevin Johnson of Fort Wayne; a brother, Lowell Noll of Decatur; four sisters, Marilyn Price of Decatur, Thelma Alexander of Fort Wayne, Betty Goddard of Muskegon, Mich., and Maxine Gephart of Cedar Lake, Ind.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Karl Don Johnson; a grandson; four brothers; and five sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur with Pastor Stan Buck officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hope Hospice in Lehigh Acres.

Condolences may be sent online to www.zwickjahn.com.

Anna Kunce

AUBURN — Anna Laura Kunce, 42, of Auburn died Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at her home.

She worked as a registered nurse for 20 years.

She was born July 24, 1962, in Xenia, Ohio, to Rex M. and Mary Jane (Bruss) Kunce. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons, Zachary Michlow, Gabriel Michlow and Phillip Michlow, all of Auburn; a daughter, Mardah Michlow of Auburn; and a brother, Tom R. Kunce of Cincinnati, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a brother, David Kunce.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Dan Pfister officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery at Huntington.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

John Cook Jr.

MIDDLEBURY — John R. Cook Jr., 80, of Middlebury died at 12:05 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital where he had been a patient for about two weeks.

Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook was an executive manager and co-owner of E.F.P. Corp. in Elkhart, retiring in 1984.

He had been a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, serving as a pilot.

Mr. Cook was a Cubs fan and enjoyed playing golf.

He was born Feb. 22, 1924 in Chicago, Ill., to John R. Sr. and Dagmar (Lauren) Cook. On June 26, 1943, in Fort Wayne, he married Joan Zimmerman. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Tim Trotter of Goshen; a son and daughter-in-law, Dick and Marcia Cook of Middlebury; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Marjorie Burleigh; and a granddaughter, Adrienne Trotter.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Middlebury Museum.

Wilford Esselburn

GARRETT — Wilford V. "Bill" Esselburn, 71, of Garrett died Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at 4:52 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Esselburn

A lifetime resident of Garrett, Mr. Esselburn was a truck driver for Freuhauf Trucking for five years, retiring in 1992.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was a lifetime member of the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a liftime member and past commander of Amvets Post 46 in Angola, a past 2nd District adjutant and chaplain for Amvets, a member of 40 & 8 in Angola and the Northeast Indiana Vietnam Veterans in Kendallville.

He was a member of Altarstar United Methodist Church in rural Garrett and the Garrett Eagles. He coached Garrett youth baseball and the DeKalb County Boxing Club.

He was born April 2, 1933, in Garrett to Vernie H. and Elzena H. (Miller) Esselburn. They preceded him in death.

He married Evellyn E. VanFossen on Oct. 29, 1955, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Patricia Esselburn of Garrett, Neal and Mary Esselburn of Fort Wayne, Thomas and Tae-Sun Esselburn of McDonough, Ga., and Glenn and Kitty Hawkins of Aviano, Italy; 10 grandchildren and two sisters, Dolly Kressly of Hudson and Violet Elliott of Garrett.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Kathy Thompson will officiate. Military honors will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home by the Garrett American Legion and VFW. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery near Garrett at a later date.

Calling will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Paws with a Cause, the Indiana MS Association or the Garrett High School softball program.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Margaret Heerdink

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Margaret Jane Adams Heerdink, 81, of Las Vegas died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, in Las Vegas.

Surviving are two brothers, Norbert E. Adams of Auburn and James O. Adams of Dayton, Ohio; a niece, Susan Bauermeister of Auburn; and a nephew, David Adams of Burlington, N.C.

A memorial service will be at a later date.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Wreatha Mansfield

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Wreatha M. Mansfield, 94, of Defiance died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, at 11:40 p.m. in Parkview-Noble Hospital at Kendallville, Ind.

Mrs. Mansfield was an elementary school teacher for Defiance Township Schools and Ayersville Local Schools. She was a member of Bethel Christian Church, 13 Club and the Ohio Retired Teachers Association.

She was born Feb. 28, 1910, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Ora B. and Ruth Mae (Lloyd) Colgan.

She married Cecil E. Mansfield on March 19, 1932. He died May 18, 1983.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Thomas Culler of Auburn, Ind., and Linda and Harold Walters of Leesburg, Fla. a son, Norvin Mansfield of Cincinnati, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Ormal Wickerham of Defiance; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; seven stepgrandchildren; 23 stepgreat-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Marie Chappius, and one brother, John Martin Colgan.

Services will be Friday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home, 529 Jefferson Ave., Defiance. The Rev. Gerald Mallott and the Rev. Chris Baker will officiate. Burial will be in Myers Cemetery in Defiance County, Ohio.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 8 to 9 a.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

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Lorine Halsey

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Lorine Elizabeth (Scott) Halsey, 77, of Cincinnati died at 5:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at Twin Towers Retirement Community in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Halsey

Mrs. Halsey had been a longtime resident of Cromwell, Ind.

She was a member of the Nurse Cadet Corps during World War II.

Mrs. Halsey loved gospel music and singing songs of praise. She believed in a loving God and looked forward to meeting her Savior in heaven. She will be remembered for her loving and protective adoration of children.

She was born May 7, 1927, in Indianapolis to Charles E. and Bertha J. (Keelan) Scott. On May 4, 1946, in Indianapolis, she married James H. Halsey. He survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Linda and Bill Bonham of Cincinnati, Jane Senn of Oakhurst, Calif., Rebecca Kelly and her friend Scott Hire of Syracuse, Ind., Debra and Jack Quackenbush of Lansing, Mich., and Catherine and Alvin High of Baden, Pa.; a foster son, Pete Taylor; two brothers, Forrest Scott and William Scott, both of Indianapolis; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Charles, James and her twin Loren Scott; and a sister, Margaret Scott Rubin.

Services will be at noon Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation, Joy Community Church in Cincinnati or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Jean Wert

KENDALLVILLE — Jean Wert, 76, of Kendallville died Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Wert was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ in South Milford.

She was a member of the Women of the Moose and American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary.

Mrs. Wert was born Aug. 10, 1928, in Kendallville to David and Tina (Whitford) Arnold. On July 30, 1935, in Angola, she married Max Wert. He died March 19, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia Owen of Fort Wayne and Rita Owen Kime of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, Douglas Arnold of Webberville, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by six brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to list additional surviving relatives.*

Doris Cameron

GARRETT — Doris Esther (Saylor) Cameron, 82, of Garrett died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

She was employed at General Electric for four years and at G.C. Murphy for 20 years.

She was a member of the Union Township Homemakers Club and a past president of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR).

Mrs. Cameron was born May 27, 1922, in Van Wert, Ohio.

Her husband, Loyal G. "Dutch" Cameron, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Jerry Frain of Garrett; two grandsons and their wives, Tim and Theresa Frain of Fort Wayne and Jeff and Missie Frain of Auburn; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be today at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling took place Tuesday and one hour before services today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Hospitals.

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Jeanett Penland

HAMILTON — Jeanett M. Penland, 96, of Hamilton died early Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Chatter Club of Hamilton for 51 years and was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ.

She was born Oct. 28, 1907, in Fort Wayne to Oscar and Eva (Schmall) Eberling.

She married Carroll Bazil Penland on Nov. 28, 1925, in Coldwater, Mich. He died Sept. 16, 1968.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, DeLos and Dorothy Penland of Hamilton; one daughter and son-in-law, Colleen and Carl Lechlitner of Elkhart; seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, four stepgreat-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Calvin Penland in 1940 and Bazil Penland in February 2004; and one half sister, Margret Hayes.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, with the Rev. David Payne officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Church of Christ.

John Lohse

FREMONT — John J. Lohse, 82, of Fremont died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

After 44 years of service, he retired from International Harvester in 1984 as a chemist. He was a gifted clarinetist.

He was born to Arthur and Minnie (Spindler) Lohse in Fort Wayne on Jan. 2, 1922.

Surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Jennifer Lohse-Nora of Fort Wayne, Julia and John Miller of Indianapolis and Joy Lohse of Warsaw; two sons and two daughters-in-law, Jim and Cindy Lohse of Fremont and Joseph and Laurie Lohse of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and two brothers, Paul and Norman Lohse.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann (Augustyniak) Lohse, in 1994 and two brothers, George and Fred Lohse.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Hockemeyer and Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with pastor Ron Allen officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Martha Perry

ALBION — Martha P. Perry, 89, of Albion, died Saturday, October 23, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

She had been a resident of Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City for several years and had lived most of her life in Albion.

Mrs. Perry ran Noel's Greenhouse in Albion for a number of years, and she retired in 1976 from the Elkhart County Jail where she had been head cook. She loved cooking, especially homemade noodles and baking cookies, and preparing meals for her family.

She was born May 5, 1915, in Woodburn to George and Ida (Fergusson) Cook. She was affiliated with the Church of Christ.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Herbert Perry of Wolf Lake and Milo "Mike" and Joy Perry of Millen, Ga.; six grandchildren, Christine Gisel and her husband, Bill, of Kendallville, Scott Perry and his wife, Teresa, of Wolf Lake, Sonya Perry, Sheila Schwartz and her husband, James, of South Whitley, Patricia Easterday and her husband, Jim, and Wendy Perry of Indianapolis; a sister, Elva Cook of Albion; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; seven sisters and three brothers.

Services were held Wednesday, October 27, 2004, at the Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Craig Myers officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Memorials are to Noble House.

Evelyn Miller

DEFIANCE, OHIO — Evelyn L. Miller, 63, of Defiance, Ohio, died Saturday, October 23, 2004, at the Toledo Hospital.

She was born May 21, 1941, in Noble County to Karl and Erma (Brown) Bohnenberger. She was married to Paul J. Miller in 1960. He survives in Defiance.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, she had worked for Dinner Bell Foods for 27 1/2 years and Young Spring & Wire in Archbold, OH for 5 years. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and Ladies Aid Society.

Mrs. Miller is also survived by two daughters, Debra (Michael) Cerns of Defiance and Donna Rohrs of Holgate, OH; three brothers, George Arnold Bohnenberger, Grover Eugene Bohnenberger, both of Avilla and Glen Ervin Bohnenberger of Wheatland, WY; one sister, Norma Jean Pippenger of Churubusco; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services were held Wednesday, October 27, 2004, at St. John Lutheran Church in Defiance, OH. The Rev. Donald L. Luhring officiated. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery with graveside rites by V.F.W. Post #3360.

For those who wish, memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, Defiance Co. Humane Society or donor's choice.

Dale DeLong

AVILLA — Dale L. DeLong, 56, of Avilla died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at his home.

Mr. DeLong was a lifetime farmer and also a truck driver for Hartford City Paper in Hartford City. He was a member of the American Legion in Avilla.

He was a 1966 graduate of Avilla High School and was a U.S. Army veteran, stationed in Germany from 1968-1970.

Mr. DeLong was born Aug. 29, 1948, in Auburn to Harold O. and Ida Mae (Smith) DeLong. His father died Sept. 26, 1978. His mother died Oct. 27, 1999.

Surviving are five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Harold Amos DeLong of Churubusco, Robert and Janice DeLong of LaGrange, LeRoy and Jane DeLong of Auburn, Hugh and Ramonda DeLong of Albion and Paul and Sherri DeLong of Avilla; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Carolyn and Dave Lash of Kendallville, Loretta and Chuck Nesbitt of Avilla, and Diana Morse of Kendallville; 11 nieces; 11 nephews; 18 great-nephews; and 16 great-nieces.

Services were held Tuesday, October 25, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Dean Bearman officiated. Burial was at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

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Ralph Longardner

LAOTTO — Ralph H. Longardner, 71, of LaOtto died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at his rural LaOtto home. He had been in failing health for the past year battling ALS.

Mr. Longardner had been a furnace operator with Slater Steel in Fort Wayne and a LaOtto resident 39 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean conflict and a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

He enjoyed doing woodworking, gardening, fishing, working puzzles and spending time with his family.

Mr. Longardner was born July 3, 1933, to Cornelius and Ursie (Driver) Longardner. On Nov. 19, 1952, at the Church of God in Fort Wayne, he married Guilia Gibson. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ralph E. and Becky Longardner of Avilla and Michael L. Longardner of LaOtto; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Kurt Hayden of Kendallville and Holly Ann and Dallas Fike of Avilla; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Betty and Jack Myers and Virginia and Harold Shoppell, all of Avilla, Violet Seffernick of Fort Wayne and Doris and Jerry Whitbroth of Michigan; a brother and sister-in-law, Ned and Martha Longardner of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Rob and Jennie Longardner, Rhea and Kelly Kammerer, Tina and Eric Emery, Kallie Longardner, Summer and Tyler Moser, and Nicholas, Natasha, Haley and Zachary Hayden; and five great-grandchildren, Ashley Longardner, Addison Longardner, Kristin Kammerer, Sierra Kammerer and Parker Emery.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald and Cornelius Longardner, and a sister, Barbara Collins.

Services were held Friday, October 22, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Burial was in Swan Cemetery, rural LaOtto.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice.

Sara Conrad

COLUMBIA CITY — Sara Jane Conrad, 85, of Columbia City died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at The Oaks Living Center where she had been a resident since Oct. 5.

Mrs. Conrad was a homemaker. She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

She was born June 3, 1919, in Noble County to Willis and Ruth (Homsher) Mahnesmith. She spent her formative years on a farm north of Skinner Lake and was a graduate of Albion High School.

On Oct. 2, 1937, she married Ronald E. Conrad. He died April 10, 1993.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry K. and Patricia Conrad of Fort Wayne, Dennis and Peggy Conrad and Keith and Mary Conrad, all of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Kenneth Gaerte of Columbia City; a sister, Betty Saggars of Ligonier; two brothers, Carmen Mahnesmith of South Bend and Lee Mahnesmith of Terre Haute; a special friend, Wilbur Buffenbarger (formally of Albion) of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a sister, Mary Kathryn Stump, and a brother, Berton Mahnesmith.

Services were held Monday, October 25, 2004, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Terry Zolman of Merriam Christian Chapel Church officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to The Gideons or Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

Marsha Van Gessel

FORT WAYNE — Marsha E. Van Gessel, 52 of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004 at her home.

She was a homemaker She had moved to For Wayne in 2003 from Kendallville.

She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

She enjoyed traveling, sewing, painting, collecting various items and doing stain glass work. She also enjoyed spending time with her family.

She was born Jan. 13, 1952, in Garrett to Keith and Gwendolyn (Southern) Sheets. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jennifer "Jenni" Van Gessel of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Josh and Liv Van Gessel of rural Avilla and Ryan and Carrie Van Gessel of Kendallville; a grandson, Carter Van Gessel; one sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Mike Harris of LaOtto; and one brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Judy Sheets of LaOtto.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Sheets, in January 1978.

Services were held Monday, October 25, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial was private.

Memorials are to the American Breast Cancer Society.

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Lucille Wagner

KENDALLVILLE — Lucille H. Wagner, 85, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wagner

Mrs. Wagner was a cook at Miller's Restaurant and a homemaker.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

She was born Feb. 16, 1919, in Kendallville to Hiram and Harriett (Luttman) Bowman. On May 15, 1937, in Albion, she married Jesse William Wagner. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Ruth Thomas of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Joan Wagner of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Mary Smith, on July 1, 1998; a sister, Helen; and three brothers, Warren, Roscoe and Arthur Bowman.

Services will be at noon Friday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Caudill of the Assembly of God Church officiating. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Peggy Schram

FORT WAYNE — Peggy M. Schram, 74, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had worked for Food Marketing Corp. for 28 years, retiring in 1998. She was involved in crafts, and was secretary of the Michigan Buzzard Roast and an amateur radio enthusiast.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Schram; four daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Tom LaFever of Churubusco, Deb and Larry Waybright of South Whitley, Pam and Joseph Voirol of Monroeville and Shelly and Gregg Krafft of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Shirley Wetzel of Orlando, Fla.; a sister; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

There will be no services or calling.

Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

Lee Gadomski

KENDALLVILLE — Lee Gadomski of Kendallville died at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Nellie Aschliman

AUBURN — Nellie M. Aschliman, 88, of Auburn died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Aschliman

Born in Auburn, she retired in 1980 from Aero Corp. after 25 years of service. She attended Beach Grove Methodist Church.

She is survived by three sons, John of Auburn, Donald of Lafayette and Edward of Pinehurst, N.C.; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Marie Blevins of Florida and Pearl Stebing of Cedarville.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Chet Gingrich, in 1934; her second husband, William Aschliman; her parents; and a sister, Ruth Whitaker.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Beach Grove Methodist Church.

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Francis Goudy

SOUTH MILFORD — Francis Goudy, 70, of South Milford died at 7:55 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at his home.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Douglas Eash

SHIPSHEWANA — Douglas J. Eash, 52, of Shipshewana and formerly of Goshen died at 8:13 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Eash had worked in manufacturing most of his life.

He was born Jan. 23, 1952, in Goshen to Samuel and Norma (Gootee) Eash. His father survives in Goshen and his mother died Nov. 25, 1997.

Also surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Karen Lee and Owen Hamstra of Canada and Elizabeth Rebecca Eash of Burlington, Kan.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen with Father John Delaney of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Elkhart Prairie Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Lorine Halsey

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Lorine Elizabeth (Scott) Halsey, 77, of Cincinnati died at 5:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at Twin Towers Retirement Community in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Halsey

Mrs. Halsey had been a longtime resident of Cromwell, Ind.

She was a member of the Nurse Cadet Corps during World War II.

Mrs. Halsey loved gospel music and singing songs of praise. She believed in a loving God and looked forward to meeting her Savior in heaven. She will be remembered for her loving and protective adoration of children.

She was born May 7, 1927, in Indianapolis to Charles E. and Bertha J. (Keelan) Scott. On May 4, 1946, in Indianapolis, she married James H. Halsey. He survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Linda and Bill Bonham of Cincinnati, Jane Senn of Oakhurst, Calif., Rebecca Kelly and her friend Scott Hire of Syracuse, Ind., Debra and Jack Quackenbush of Lansing, Mich., and Catherine and Alvin High of Baden, Pa.; a foster son, Pete Taylor; two brothers, Forrest Scott and William Scott, both of Indianapolis; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Charles, James and her twin Loren Scott; and a sister, Margaret Scott Rubin.

Services will be at noon Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation, Joy Community Church in Cincinnati or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Sara Conrad

COLUMBIA CITY — Sara Jane Conrad, 85, of Columbia City died at 10:10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct, 20, 2004, at The Oaks Living Center where she had been a resident since Oct. 5.

Mrs. Conrad was a homemaker. She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

She was born June 3, 1919, in Noble County to Willis and Ruth (Homsher) Mahnesmith. She spent her formative years on a farm north of Skinner Lake and was a graduate of Albion High School.

On Oct. 2, 1937, she married Ronald E. Conrad. He died April 10, 1993.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry K. and Patricia Conrad of Fort Wayne; Dennis and Peggy Conrad and Keith and Mary Conrad, all of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Kenneth Gaerte of Columbia City; a sister, Betty Saggars of Ligonier; two brothers, Carmen Mahnesmith of South Bend and Lee Mahnesmith of Terre Haute; a special friend, Wilbur Buffenbarger of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a sister, Mary Kathryn Stump, and a brother, Berton Mahnesmith.

Services were Monday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Terry Zolman of Merriam Christian Chapel Church officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to The Gideons or Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

Jack Kellam

Jack Mark Kellam, 50, Elkhart, died of a sudden illness at 6:50 p.m. on Wednesday October 13 in his home.

He was born on August 28, 1954, in Wolf Lake to Donald and Irene "Renie" (Brownstein) Kellam. He married Neta A. Clark on October 30, 1990, in Goshen.

He worked for Sam's Club for 15 years and formerly worked as a truck driver for Kidd & Co. in Ligonier. He was a 1972 graduate of West Noble High School and a 1976 graduate of Edison Community College in Fort Myers, Fla.

He was a member of the Ligonier Lodge #185 Free and Accepted Masons and the Bristol, Sons of the American Legion. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. He was an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan and enjoyed fishing, golf and the Florida beach and sun.

He is survived by his wife, Neta at home; a daughter, Kimberly Barnes of Epper, Fort Myers, Fla.; three stepsons, James (Teresa) Bussie of Topeka, Charles (Amy) Wysong of Columbia City, and Mitch Wysong of Muncie; a stepdaughter, Cherie (Dave) Musselman of Ligonier; and ten grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Christine Shelburn; and a stepgrandson Andrew Wysong.

Calling was on Sunday October 24 at Billings Funeral Home in Elkhart and one hour prior to the service. The funeral service was held Monday October 25 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with Rev. Jack Overmyer officiating. Cremation followed the service with burial being at a later date in Ligonier.

A Masonic memorial service by Ligonier Lodge 185 was also held on Sunday.

Online condolences may be sent to www.billingsfuneralhome.com.

Memorials may be made to Riley Childrens Hospital.

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Margaret Nesbitt

LIGONIER — Margaret "Peg" L. Nesbitt, 86, died Friday, Oct. 22, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital. She had been a Ligonier resident until recently when she moved to the American Health Care Center in Goshen.

Mrs. Nesbitt

On Sept. 24, 1918, in Turkey Creek Township in Kosciusko County, she was born to Fred and Blanche (Wilkinson) Green. She married Samuel "Deb" Nesbitt in Brimfield on Sept. 30, 1936. He preceded her in death in 1975.

She had worked as a press operator at Essex Wire in Ligonier for 24 years.

Mrs. Nesbitt had been a member of the Friendship Club in Ligonier, and enjoyed reading, traveling and especially being with her family. She was a nature lover.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Nancy Nesbitt, Elkhart, and Jerry and Avis Nesbitt, Ligonier; a daughter, Catherine Sprunger, Elkridge, Md.; a sister, Lois "Sally" Dodds, Syracuse; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Edwin Green.

Services were Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to the American Health Care Center, Goshen.

Verla Smith

Mrs. Verla Irene Smith, 95, of Elkhart, Ind. died Saturday October 23 at her home.

She was born on November 2, 1908 in Mackville, Kansas to Lloyd and Ora (Hanson) Douglass.

Verla married Arthur Asa Smith on May 30, 1931 in Bowling Green, Missouri. Arthur died on December 7, 1989.

She had lived in Ligonier since 1937; then moved to Leesburg in 1956; then to Elkhart in 1991. She was a homemaker and had also operated Lakeland Printing in Leesburg-North Webster, as Co-Owner with her husband.

Verla was a member of the Leesburg United Methodist Church; past member of the Eastern Star; enjoyed reading, especially novels and Christian writing; she especially enjoyed her family and grandchidldren.

Surviving are one daughter Evelyn Lung of Elkhart; and one son Ronald (and Susan) Smith of Elkhart; five gradchildren, ten great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and two step-great-great grandchildren; and one brother Lloyd (and Lou) Douglas of Florissant, Missouri.

Verla was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one son Donald Smith, two sisters Edna Ryan and Maxine Page, and one brother David Douglass.

The funeral was on Tuesday, October 26 at Yoder Culp Funeral Home, with the Rev. Barbara Lloyd of Leesburg United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Leesburg Cemetery.

Memorials may be dedicated to Leesburg United Methodist Church.

Howard Weade

LIGONIER — Howard E. Weade, 78, of Ligonier died at 9:55 a.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Weade was a retired grain tester for Lyon-Greenleaf and a carpet layer.

Mr. Weade

He was a graduate of Wolf Lake High School and a member of the Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed ice fishing, playing cards and reading.

Mr. Weade was born Nov. 17, 1925, in Noble County to Hobart and Celia (Knapp) Weade. On Jan. 18, 1947, in Etna, he married Christine Gumm. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Kenny Miller of Ligonier; a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Dianne Weade of Syracuse; a sister, Wilma Mock of Wilmot; a brother, Woodward Weade of Kimmell; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Orphia Sprague.

Services were held this morning at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness of Ligonier United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to the Eagles Lodge.

Margaret Bowker

FORT WAYNE — Margaret L. Bowker, 92, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Huntertown died at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at Parkview Hospital. She had been a resident of Life Care Center in Fort Wayne since 1998.

Mrs. Bowker

Mrs. Bowker had been employed for several years at Allied Mills in Fort Wayne and retired in 1967 as a clerk for Town and Country Foods in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church near Churubusco and its United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Bowker was a 1930 graduate of Delphi High School and a graduate of International Business College.

She was born June 26, 1912, in Delphi to Charles and Floss (Stewart) Sieber. On Aug. 4, 1934, in Fort Wayne she married Harold J. Bowker. The couple spent most of their married lives on the family arm before moving to Hunter-own in 1981. Mr. Bowker died May 29, 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, osalie Bowker, a missionary n South Korea; three sons and aughters-in-law, Gerald Jerry" and Caroll Bowker of endallville, Robert and ayleen Bowker of Roanoke nd John and Laura Bowker of West Lafayette; five sisters, elen Akers of Kansas City, Mo., Deloris Thomson of elphi, Joyce Goslee of eoman and Charlene Porter nd Joan Rule, both of afayette; 12 grandchildren; d three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 m. Saturday at Sheets & hilds Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Larry Smith of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Delbert Harp

LAGRANGE — Delbert F. Harp, 83, of LaGrange died at 5:10 p.m. at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Harp was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County. He had retired from maintenance at ANR Pipeline and from farming.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Harp was born Feb. 13, 1921, in LaGrange County to Elmer F. and Ruth E. (Machan) Harp. On Jan. 31, 1942, in Valentine he married Rachel L. Oakley. She died Dec. 26, 2003.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory and Barbara Harp of LaGrange and Gary and Kathleen Harp of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Donald Paul Harp on July 15, 1999.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church.

Francis Goudy

SOUTH MILFORD — Francis Roy "Frank" Goudy, 70, died at 7:55 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at his home near South Milford following an extended illness.

Mr. Goudy had been in maintenance for the State Highway Department for 30 years.

He was a lifetime area resident and a former member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

Mr. Goudy was an Air Force veteran of the Korean conflict.

He was born Dec. 16, 1933, in LaGrange County to Robert and Wanda (Diehm) Goudy. On Jan. 7, 1954, in Eureka Springs, Ark., he married Norma McCollough. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jeffery and Judy Goudy of Hudson, Robert and Veronica Goudy of Hartford City and Francis Goudy of South Milford; two grandchildren, Joseph Goudy and Josh Goudy; and a great-granddaughter, Abbey Goudy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Gammon of South Milford United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkinson Foundation, 1501 NW 9th Ave., Bob Hope Road, Miami, FL 33136-1494.

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Lee Gadomski

ROME CITY — Lee William Gadomski, 65, of Rome City died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gadomski

Mr. Gadomski had been employed as a truck driver for various companies including seven years for Shambaugh & Sons, 17 years for Wible Lumber in South Milford and 20 years for Kendallville Distributors.

Following his retirement, he started his own transportation service chauffeuring the Amish. For the past 10 years he operated KunTree Folks Ice Cream selling homemade ice cream at area fairs and festivals.

He was a member of American Legion Post 215 in LaGrange, the Kendallville VFW Post Men's Auxiliary, the Kendallville Eagles and the Kendallville Moose Lodge.

Mr. Gadomski was born June 24, 1939, in Ege to Walter William and Anna (Schmidt) Gadomski. On Feb. 28, 1990, in Maui, Hawaii, he married Bonnie Lou Rowlison. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Ken Ramey of Kendallville, Brenda and Roger Arnett of Avilla, Aimee and Rex Swank of Russiaville and Katrina and Tyler Chrisman of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Walter "Wally" and Melinda Gadomski of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Curtis Rowlison of Waterloo; a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph "Joe" and Jean Gadomski of Venice, Fla.; three sisters, Mary Theresa Fletcher of Churubusco, Margie Taulbee of LaOtto and Gretta Gadomski of Shipshewana; 10 grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and a great-grandson; and three women he thought of as daughters, Edna Fleck of Rome City, Cheryl O'Neal of Kendallville and Betty Lee of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Steven Gadomski in 1960 and Edward Oliver Gadomski in 1991; and a brother, John Gadomski.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Community Baptist Church, C.R. 700S, west of South Milford with the Rev. Lee Combs and the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. at the church.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with new information about services.*

Peggy Schram

FORT WAYNE — Peggy M. Schram, 74, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had worked for Food Marketing Corp. for 28 years, retiring in 1998. She was involved in crafts, and was secretary of the Michigan Buzzard Roast and an amateur radio enthusiast.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Schram; four daughters and their husbands, Vickie and Tom LaFever of Churubusco, Deb and Larry Waybright of South Whitley, Pam and Joseph Voirol of Monroeville and Shelly and Gregg Krafft of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Shirley Wetzel of Orlando, Fla.; a sister; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be today at 6:30 p.m. at Leo-Cedarville Church.

Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

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Barbara Kimes

AUBURN — Barbara Jean Kimes, 54, of Auburn died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at her home.

She worked as a shipping clerk for Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 31 years. She was a former Cub Scout den leader.

She was born June 22, 1950, to Richard and Melva (Provines) Eakright of Butler. Her mother survives and her father preceded her in death.

On July 18, 1970, she married Virgil Kimes Jr., who survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Larry and Tracey Kimes of Garrett and Andrew Kimes of Auburn; one brother and sister-in-law, Samuel and Diane Eakright of Butler; and two stepgrandchildren.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Jim Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

James Schwyn

HILTON HEAD, S.C. — James M. Schwyn, 66, of Hilton Head, died Oct. 21, 2004, after a long illness.

Born in Toledo, Ohio, Mr. Schwyn graduated from the University of Toledo in 1960 with a degree in business administration. He spent 24 years at Champion Spark Plug Co., where he held various management positions.

He retired in 1994 as president of the Universal Tool and Stamping Co. in Butler.

Survivors include his wife, Marcia; four sons and daughters-in-law, James and Francoise, Thomas and Tracy, Robert and Lisa and Daniel and Catrina (Hug); 10 grandchildren; and a brother, Thomas.

Services were held Wednesday at Island Lutheran Church in Hilton Head Island.

The Island Funeral Home and Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

Verna Kistler

ELKHART — Verna V. Kistler, 93, of Elkhart and formerly of Rochester died at 4:40 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Foster & Good Funeral Home in Rochester.

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Gary Drill, assistant superintendent of MSD Steuben County, dies at 58

BLUFFTON — Gary L. Drill, 58, of Bluffton, assistant superintendent for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, died unexpectedly at 10:14 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at Carmel Saint Vincent Hospital in Carmel from complications of cancer.

Mr. Drill

Mr. Drill previously served as principal and assistant superintendent at North Wells Community School Corp., a principal at Fremont Community Schools, assistant principal and athletic director at Union City Community Schools, and was a former teacher and varsity basketball coach at Winchester Community High School and Randolph Southern School Corp. in Lynn.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Taylor University in 1969 and a master's degree in education in 1975 and Ed.S. in 1990 from Ball State University. He graduated from Lee L. Driver High School in Winchester in 964.

He was a member of the American Cancer Society, a past president of Randolph County Cancer Society, the ndiana Basketball Coaches Association, the Indiana Athletic Director Associaon, the Indiana Secondary chool Administrators Association, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Indiana Principal Leadership Academy, the School Transportation Association of Indiana, the Life Insurance Underwriters Association, the Indiana Real Estate Association and the Indiana Auctioneers Association. He was also a member of the Winchester Masonic Lodge 56.

Mr. Drill was born April 16, 1946, to Ralph L. and M. Frances (Bales) Drill. They preceded him death.

Mr. Drill had lived in Wells County for 14 years. He was married in Winchester to Jane A. Bolinger on Aug. 26, 1967. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Damon A. and Cheryl Drill of Auburn and Darren R. and Jamie Drill of Muncie; one grandson, Dustin A. Drill; one brother, Lowell C. Drill of Muncie; and a sister, Sharon E. Hurry of Winchester.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton with pastors Gary Lewis and John Reinhard officiating. Masonic rites will be by Bluffton Lodge 145 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt and Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to services Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Fountain Park Cemetery in Winchester.

Roberta Grubb

HOWE — Roberta Grubb, 89, of Howe died Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Grubb was a seamstress for Howe Military School. She moved to LaGrange County in 1952 from Angola. She was a member of the Sylvan Chapter 251 OES, a 50-year member of Priscilla Circle of Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe and a Thursday Prayer Breakfast Group in Howe.

She was born to Frank and Alta (Englert) Crowell on Oct. 15, 1915, in South Milford.

She married John E. Grubb in Hamilton on April 21, 1935. He preceded her in death Nov. 18, 1977.

Mrs. Grubb is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Arlene and Roger Wolf of Three Rivers, Mich., Betty Ford of LaGrange and Barbara and Richard Strong of Sturgis, Mich.; one son and daughter-in-law, Larry J. and Trish Grubb of Howe; three sisters, June Cline of Burr Oak, Mich., Leda King of Traverse City, Mich., and DeLoris Terpenning of Whitehall, Mich.; two brothers, Owen Crowell of Enverness, Fla., and Orville Crowell of Sturgis, Mich.; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Billy Dean Grubb, in 1940; one great-grandson, Michael Ford; and one brother, Dean Crowell.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Lima Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Daniel Engber officiating. An Eastern Star service will be Monday at 6 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe.

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Verna Kistler

ELKHART — Verna Berdelle Kistler, 93, of Rosewood Terrace Nursing Home in Elkhart and formerly of the Rochester, Leiters Ford and Plymouth areas, died at 4:40 p.m. Oct. 28, 2004, at the home.

Mrs. Kistler was a homemaker and an employee of Indiana Metal and Hart Schaffner and Marx in Rochester when she lived there from 1986-2003. She was a member of the Kingdom Hall Church there and in Plymouth.

She enjoyed reading, cooking, traveling and sharing memories with her friends and family. Mrs. Kistler lived in the Leiters Ford area from 1934-1970 and in Bremen from 1970-1986, then in Rochester and Plymouth. She moved to Elkhart in 2003.

She was born to John Clayton and Bessie Belle Inebnit Cripe on Oct. 29, 1910, in Middlebury. She married Ralph Emerson Kistler on Feb. 3, 1929, in South Bend. He preceded her in death on June 10, 1966.

She is survived by one daughter, Cheryl Kay Kistler of Elkhart; two sons and daughters-in-law, John M. Kistler and Marjorie of Indianapolis and Ralph E. Kistler and Harolaine of Ligonier; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Kistler was preceded in death by one son, Joseph K. Kistler, on Aug. 27, 1984; one great-granddaughter, Lydia Rose Lichtenberger, in June 1998; two sisters, Margaret Gilbert and Marie Cripe at age 3; and a brother, Clayton Cripe, in August 2001.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at Foster and Good Funeral Home at 128 W. 6th St. in Rochester with Elder Adam Morie officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Leiters Ford Cemetery.

Memorial are to the Elkhart General Hospice.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services were held for **Lucielle Wagner** Friday at noon at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor James Caudill officiating. She was buried in Christian Union Cemetery. Pallbearers were Brian Wagner, Frank Wagner Jr., Eric Wagner, Brent Wagner, Clayton Runyon and Chad Barnett.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Roy T. Acker Sr.** were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with Pastor Dan Conley officiating. Burial was in South Milford Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mark Acker, Adam Acker, Joshua Acker, James Acker, Mike Acker, Ty Myers, Greg Miller and Andy Acker.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Curt Shepherd** were held at 10 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with David Bolen officiating. Burial was in Fairfield Center Cemetery. Pallbearers were Oscar Weimer, Yogi Weimer, Rex Miller, T.J. Miller, Duane Leonard and Shawn Leonard.

Mary Fulford

WAWAKA — Mary Ellen Fulford, 91, of Avalon Village in Ligonier died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, at 7:28 p.m.

She had lived in several nursing homes in the area due to ill health.

She was born Dec. 27, 1912, in Wawaka to William and Bessie (Musser) Fulford.

She is survived by a nephew; two nieces; several cousins; and the Rev. Neil Anderson, her guardian of over 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, George Fulford.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Neil Anderson officiating.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday.

Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery in Wawaka.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Dale DeLong** were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Pallbearers were Lynn Lash, Tim Lash, John Nesbitt, Danny DeLong, Dewey DeLong, Chad DeLong, Jason Eminger and Dan Hosted.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Jean Wert** were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with Mike Booher officiating. Burial was in South Milford Cemetery. Pallbearers were Max Kime, Roger Arnold, Dale Arnold, Bill Arnold, David Arnold and Richard Bunn.

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Mary Olson

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Louise Olson, 77, of Kendallville died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, at 7 p.m. at her residence surrounded by her family. She had been ill for several months.

Mrs. Olson was born Feb. 26, 1927, in Auburn to Cornelius "Johnny" and Daisy (Dibert) Woodcox. She grew up in St. Joe and graduated from high school there before marrying Arnold Olson in Bellerose, N.Y., on June 10, 1945. The couple returned to Indiana in 1967.

Mrs. Olson

In addition to raising a large family, Mrs. Olson played the organ at various churches, including her husband's in Ardsley, N.Y., and is remembered as a great help to her husband in her role as minister's wife.

Mrs. Olson earned her master's degree in elementary education from Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne in 1971. She taught at Garrett-Keyser-Butler Elementary School for many years before her retirement in 1994.

After retirement, Mrs. Olson stayed active in the United Methodist Church of Avilla, playing the organ and participating in an after-school program for elementary children. She also served as a volunteer at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla and at Northern Indiana Public Radio in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Olson was interested in playing the piano and organ and after a trip to Italy, she became a fan of Italian opera. Her interest led her to New York City and Chicago to see shows. She is remembered as an avid reader, a wonderful cook and a skilled seamstress.

She is survived by three sons and one daughter-in-law, Eric and Cathy Blyth Olson of Fort Wayne, and Carl and Brent Olson, both of Kendallville; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Karin and Ron Johnson of Vermont, Kirstin and Michael Murphy of New Hampshire, Wendy and Alain Fournier of Paris, France, Sherri Olson and her husband, Arthur Smith, of Connecticut and Shelley Olson of Kendallville; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years on Nov. 10, 2000; and three brothers, W. Gray, Josiah and Byron Woodcox.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with a gathering of friends and family following in the fellowship hall.

Private burial will be later in the week.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Emmett Goetschius

PLEASANT LAKE — The Rev. Emmett M. Goetschius, 88, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Goetschius, a retired minister, was a member of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Pleasant Lake Lions Club and a former member of Angola American Legion Post 31. He sang for many years in minstrel shows and with the Pleasant Lake Lions Men's Chorus. He served in the Army in World War II and the Korean War.

He was born Jan. 13, 1916, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Albert C. and Emma (Gall) Goetschius.

He married Mary Louise Kraybill on Oct. 26, 1945. She survives.

He is also survived by three sons, Peter M. Goetschius of Pittsburgh, Pa., the Rev. Paul L. Goetschius of Erie, Pa. and Mark H. Goetschius of New Castle; one brother, Alfred M. Goetschius of Tallahassee, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jessie Goetschius; and two sisters, Alberta and Lillian Goetschius.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Peter Goetschius officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Holy Family Episcopal Church or child evangelism fellowship.

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Mr. Lohse encouraged thinking outside the box

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

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FREMONT — John Lohse's daughter, Joy, said her father was a man who marched to his own drummer, and that he did so until the day he died.

"He lived life to the fullest until the very end, and then he was done," Joy said. "And we salute him for being an extrovert. He wasn't mainstream. He did it his way."

Mr. Lohse, 82, died Tuesday after a short illness.

"He was such a character," said Mr. Lohse's daughter-in-law, Cindy. "He lived life to the fullest and the way he wanted to."

Music was a big part of Mr. Lohse's life, and although he could never read a note of it, he became a well-known clarinetist and saxophonist in the area.

"He was definitely a musical talent," Cindy said. "He was in his 80s, and he was still playing two or three gigs a week."

Mr. Lohse — known to locals as Papa Lo, played with his band at Paradise Cove on Lake James. His last gig there was a few weeks ago, and the four-member group was slated to play this past weekend.

"They played as a three-piece band in tribute to him," Jenny said. The trio also played at Mr. Lohse's service.

For Mr. Lohse, Joy said, every day was a party.

"He loved people and he loved having a good time," she said. "He did not worry, he did not fear."

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Mr. Lohse performs with his band.

And he always wanted people to join him in his merriment.

"He brought people together to have a good time," Joy said.

Even people he didn't know.

"He'd walk up to people he didn't know who were eating in a restaurant and say, 'How are you doing? How are the ribs?'" she said.

Joy said her father would ask questions that made people think.

"He'd say, 'Do you think too much education can be a dangerous thing?'" she said.

Joy said her father encouraged those he came in contact with to live in the moment.

Joy said her father was full of simple, yet helpful advice.

"He'd say things like, 'Don't sweat the small stuff,' and 'We'll cross that bridge when we get to it,'" she remembered. "One big thing he always said was, 'Stay loose.'"

Joy said one of the greatest loves of her father's life was her mother, who died in 1994.

"He was very in love with my mother," she said. "He would always joke that music was his first love, and my mother was his second."

Joy said her father was proud of his family, and that he instilled in them a tremendous work ethic.

"He taught us that you got up every day and you went to work," she said.

That family included four children besides Joy — daughters Jennifer and Julia, and sons Jim and Joseph.

And if things didn't go your way?

"He'd say, 'That's the way the cookie crumbles,'" Joy said.

Joy said her father loved the beach, and often traveled to Florida in the winter. But he loved Steuben County. His father built one of the first cottages on the second basin of Lake James, which is where the Lohses would summer when John was a boy. He so enjoyed his time at Lake James that he made it his permanent home when he retired in 1984 from International Harvester, where he had worked as a chemist for more than four decades.

Mr. Lohse was a member of Audiences Unlimited, and often went to nursing homes throughout northern Indiana to perform.

Joy said when God made her father, "He broke the mold."

"The pastor at his service said my dad provoked people to think outside the box," she said. "I think that's a pretty good summary."

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Mrs. Irish saw herself as a giver

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BUTLER — It has not been an easy month for Tammy Sonner since the passing Sept. 29 of her mother, Carolyn Irish.

Mrs. Irish was a young 59 when she died as the result of kidney failure brought on by an unknown cause.

"I just wanted people to know what a great lady my mother was," Sonner said. She hand-wrote a tribute to her mother, hoping to get Mrs. Irish the honor she felt her mother deserved.

"She never thought she was worth much," Sonner explained. "She was always apologizing for having to have someone take her to doctor appointments and dialysis. She always saw herself as the giver, and not the taker."

Mrs. Irish developed blockages in her circulation that affected her legs, Sonner explained. "It made it hard for her to walk."

Sonner continued: "How could we count the times she aided us over the years? She also helped others in need, too. Not because she was close to them, but because she had a compassionate heart."

Mrs. Irish was ill for about 18 months, and the last three months of her life were the hardest with multiple trips each week for dialysis, doctor appointments and countess tests.

Mrs. Irish

Just two weeks before her death, Sonner recalled, there was a family dinner celebrating Mrs. Irish's 59th birthday. At the end of the day, Sonner said, "She told me she had the best day."

Sonner said her mother's first love and passion was her family. "She was all about family. Family was her life."

Mrs. Irish also loved music, and years ago gave guitar lessons. "She made many friends doing that," Sonner said. "They would come and visit, call her on the phone and send her cards.

"She wrote a song several years ago called 'Shame on Me,'" Sonner said. "It was a song about people who are worse off than you, and how you should be grateful.

"Little did she know when she wrote that song that her own health was failing," Sonner mused.

Sonner said her mother never complained, even though doctors never could find the cause of her kidney failure or a way to treat it. Her mother also expressed her faith that she would be with Jesus and other family members who had gone before her.

Sonner said her mother was one of five children. She is survived by a sister, Norma Rhodes of Auburn. Also surviving are her husband, Jimmey; two sons, Greg and Pat Bell; another daughter, Angie Gower of Butler; and 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

"As the children of a sick parent, we watched the disease wear on her body, but we didn't want to believe that we were going to lose her. We didn't want to see her suffer, but we didn't want to lose her, either," Sonner said.

"She will be sorely missed."

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

Mary Louise Olson

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Louise Olson, 77, of Kendallville died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, at 7 p.m. at her residence surrounded by her family. She had been ill for several months.

Mrs. Olson

Mrs. Olson was born Feb. 26, 1927, in Auburn to Cornelius "Johnny" and Daisy (Dibert) Woodcox. She grew up in St. Joe and graduated from high school there before marrying Arnold Olson in Bellerose, N.Y., on June 10, 1945. The couple returned to Indiana in 1967.

In addition to raising a large family, Mrs. Olson played the organ at various churches, including her husband's in Ardsley, N.Y., and is remembered as a great help to her husband in her role as minister's wife.

Mrs. Olson earned her master's degree in elementary education from Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne in 1971. She taught at Garrett-Keyser-Butler Elementary Schools for many years before her retirement in 1994.

Mrs. Olson was very musical, playing the piano and organ. After a trip to Italy, she became a fan of Italian opera. Her interest led her to New York City and Chicago to see shows. She is remembered as an avid reader, a wonderful cook and a skilled seamstress. She was a very involved grandmother and mother and was the communication center for her large family.

She is survived by five daughters and four sons-in-law, Karin and Ron Johnson of Vermont, Kirstin and Michael Murphy of New Hampshire, Wendy and Alain Fournier of Paris, France, Sherri Olson and her husband, Arthur Smith, of Connecticut and Shelley Olson of Kendallville; three sons and one daughter-in-law, Eric and Cathy Blyth Olson of Fort Wayne, and Carl and Brent Olson, both of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years on Nov. 10, 2000; and three brothers, W. Gray, Josiah and Byron Woodcox.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with a gathering of friends and family following in the fellowship hall.

Private burial will be later in the week.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Nature Conservancy or the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Robert Hartman

CORUNNA — Robert A. "Bob" Hartman, 82, of Corunna, died Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Hartman worked at Stanadyne in Garrett for 14 years and farmed from 1946 to 1983. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of First Church of Christ in Garrett.

He was born Nov. 20, 1921, in Corunna to Eno and Genivee (Oster) Hartman.

He married Donna Shippy on Nov. 4, 1944, in Mississippi. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen L. and Rosemary Hartman and Roger A. and Melonie Hartman, all of Corunna; a daughter and son-in-law, Denise M. and Artie Collins of Waterloo; a sister, Doris Atken of Alexandria, Va.; three half-brothers, David Hartman of Zanesville, Bill Hartman of Corunna and Enno Hartman of Montana; three half-sisters, Pat Caudle of Monroe and Phyllis Hiler and Sue Howard, both of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Iris Hartman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Lloyd Mealer and Jim Lilley will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ or Parkinson's Disease Association.

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Delphine Pribbernow

FORT WAYNE — Delphine M. Pribbernow, 101, died Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, at Woodview Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Pribbernow was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. She was born in Tacoma, Wash.

She is survived by a son, Richard Pribbernow of Fremont; two grandsons, Kent Alan Pribbernow of Fremont and Kyle Pribbernow of Huntertown; a granddaughter, Karen K. Hoffman of Churubusco; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Pribbernow, and a grandson, Kirk Pribbernow.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Entombment will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Cody Strater

KENDALLVILLE — Cody Reade Strater died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, shortly after his birth at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

He is survived by his parents, Scott and Belinda Strater of Kendallville; a sister, Stacey Kay Strater of Kendallville; paternal grandparents, Gary and Nancy Strater of Kendallville; maternal grandparents, Floyd "Whitey" and Angie Maxton of Columbia City; paternal great-grandmother, Kathryn Strater Ligman of Kendallville; aunts and uncles, Christine Strater of Englewood, Colo., Kimberly and Joe Schroeder of Kendallville and Kim and Mark Boyd and Janet and Jim Bartrom, all of Huntington; two maternal cousins, Stephanie Boyd and Nathan Boyd; and a paternal cousin, Jessica Schroeder.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Larry Biddle.

Private services will be Monday at South Milford Cemetery. The Rev. Teal Younce will officiate.

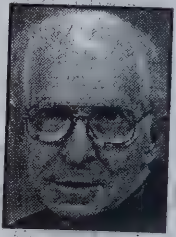
Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

James Arnott

AUBURN — James Frederick Arnott, 77, of Auburn, died Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, at his home in Auburn.

Before retiring in 1985, Mr. Arnott worked at Rieke Corp. for 23 years. He was an Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett.

He was born in Belprie, Ohio.


Mr. Arnott

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Arnott of Auburn; two daughters, Sonja Groshon of Fremont and Rita Emerick of Auburn; four stepdaughters, Monica Cook, Martha Grimm and Janine Bender of Auburn and Pamela Comment of Leo; three stepsons, David Comment of Waterloo, James Comment of St. Joe and Jon Comment of Butler; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, 22 stepgrandchildren and 14 stepgreat-grandchildren; a sister, Alice Caltrider of Columbia, S.C.; and a brother, Lawrence Arnott of Parkersburg, W.Va.

There will be no services or calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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Police investigating boy's death

Victim was 9-year-old from Rome City

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ROME CITY — Police are investiating the death of a 9-year-old Rome ity boy who died in his home in the 800 lock of South S.R. 9 on Sunday fternoon.

The cause of death for Curtis Ritchie, second-grader at Rome City School, vill be determined after a post-mortem xamination, which was scheduled to be eld this morning at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

According to a press release, Curtis' mother told police that her son was in the basement of their home. When she went down to check on him, she found him with a laundry cord around his neck.

Emergency-911 was contacted at 2:40 p.m. Sunday, according to Chief Deputy Doug Harp of the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

"He apparently hadn't been breathing for several minutes (when first responders arrived)," Harp said.

Efforts to revive the boy were made by Orange Township Fire Department first responders and Noble County EMS, who performed CPR on Curtis and transported him to Parkview Noble Hospital before law enforcement officers arrived on the scene, Harp said.

Noble County Coroner John Brazzell said he was notified at 3:23 p.m. Brazzell said he observed the death scene and then went on to Parkview Noble Hospital, where the investigation continued.

"We'll have an idea today of what the pathologist thinks," Brazzell said early this morning before the autopsy exam began, adding that it would be about four weeks before he received a final toxicology and pathology report.

DEATH: *Crisis response team sent to council students*

Brazzell said he hopes to determine a cause of death by Tuesday.

A statement from Rome City School said its crisis response team has been working hard to help students and staff deal with Curtis' death. Additional counselors are on hand at the school. The school will also be sending information home with students to tell parents about the situation.

Beverly Rosenbury

ST. JOE — Beverly Rose Rosenbury, 72, of St. Joe died Sunday, Oct. 31, 2004, at 6:35 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rosenbury

Mrs. Rosenbury was a homemaker. She worked at Sechler's Pickles, retiring in 1994. She was a member of the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church of rural Butler and its Ladies Circle. She was a 1950 graduate of Butler High School.

She was born July 26, 1932, in Butler to James B. and Essie E. (Utter) Nodine. They preceded her in death.

On March 28, 1954, in Garrett, she married Charles W. Rosenbury. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kent W. and Debra Rosenbury of Nashville, Tenn., and James B. and Jeanette Rosenbury of Auburn; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Doris and Thain Menges of Auburn and Martha and Larry Grubb of Butler; and four grandchildren, Aaron Rosenbury and Alison Rosenbury of Nashville, Tenn., and Jenna Rosenbury and Janelle Rosenbury of Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in rural Butler. The Rev. Tony Brooks will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church.

Barbara Clevenger

ORLAND — Barbara A. Clevenger, 69 of Wall Lake, Orland, died at 3:01 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Clevenger

Mrs. Clevenger had retired from the Orland Post Office after 24 years of service.

She had lived in the Orland community since 1959 and was a member of the Wall Lake Fishermen's Association.

She was born Dec. 10, 1934, in Muncie to Clarkson and Gladys (Wagers) Clevenger. On Jan. 16, 1959, in Muncie, she married Kieth J. Clevenger. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughter, Vickie Petrie of Kendallville and Kathy Nelson of LaGrange; two brothers, Monty Clevenger and Charles Clevenger, both of Muncie; five sisters, Katherine Kiger of Oakland, Calif., Madonna McGurie of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Wanda McMasters, Juanita Cook and Janice Smith, all of Muncie; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Benjie Butler; and two brothers, Gary and Doug Clevenger.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Mark A. Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children or the American Diabetes Association.

Harry Yoder

GOSHEN — Harry A. Yoder, 83, of Goshen died at 5:25 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, 2004, at his home. He had been in declining health since January.

Mr. Yoder had been a lifetime Goshen area resident. He was a poultry farmer and did butchering.

He was ordained a deacon in the Old Order Amish Church in 1953.

He was born Oct. 29, 1921, in LaGrange County to Amos E. and Sarah (Schrock) Yoder. On April 13, 1944, in Goshen, he married Sarah H. Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Marilyn and Elmer Miller, Carolyn and Perry Miller and Linda Sue Yoder, all of Goshen, and Ruth Ann and David Otto and Laura Mae and Dean Gingerich, all of Middlebury, and Edith and Lyle Miller of Millersburg; four sons and daughters-in-law, Marion and Edith Yoder, Raymond and Esther Yoder and Wayne and Doretta Yoder, all of Goshen and Howard and Wilma Yoder of Middlebury; a sister and brother-in-law, Edna Mae and Joni Hochstetler of Middlebury; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Lester Yoder and Raymond and Wilma Yoder, all of Goshen, and Perry and Mary Yoder of Millersburg; 75 grandchildren; and 91 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Nelson Miller; a brother, Clarence Yoder; and three sisters, Edna Ellen Bontrager, and two infants.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Sam Miller residence, 14704 C.R. 28, Goshen, with Bishop Eli Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family residence at 61300 C.R. 33, Goshen.

Janet Malone

MIDDLEBURY — Janet I. Malone, 66, of Middlebury died at 9:10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital from complications from cancer.

Mrs. Malone

Mrs. Malone had retired from GTE in Three Rivers, Mich., after 37 years of service.

She was a member of Maplecrest Country Club in Goshen and Read-a-bit in Middlebury. She enjoyed playing bridge, tennis and golf.

Mrs. Malone attended First United Methodist Church in Middlebury.

She was born Aug. 5, 1938, in Three Rivers to Leonard and Esther (Neterer) Mahoney. Her mother survives in Three Rivers and her father died in 1988. On June 14, 1958, in Three Rivers, she married Lamar Malone. He survives.

Also surviving are four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Harriet and Harold Smith of Traverse City, Mich., Phyllis and Robert Kerr, Betty Lou and Dale Rice and Bonnie Arney, all of Three Rivers; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Lee and Jeannine Mohney and Clayton Mohney, all of Three Rivers, James and Kathy Mohney of Jackson, Mich., and Sharon and Lee Myers of Bowling Green, Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linda Craig officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church or the Elkhart County United Cancer Society.

Dr. Ray Henn

SYRACUSE — Dr. Ray Anthony "Tony" Henn, 80, of Syracuse died Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, at Gables of Greencroft in Goshen.

Dr. Henn had lived in Syracuse for a year and prior to that in Greenfield where he had been a general practitioner from 1950 until his retirement in 1987. He had been instrumental in the development of Hancock Memorial Hospital.

He was a member of Bradley United Methodist Church in Greenfield.

Dr. Henn was the first Boy Scout in Noble County to achieve Eagle rank.

He was a graduate of Indiana University Medical School and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Dr. Henn was a member of the Greenfield American Legion Post, Greenfield Elks Lodge and the Indiana Medical Society.

He was born Jan. 11, 1924, in Ligonier to Kenneth R. and Corinne E. (Hussey) Henn. On Feb. 20, 1960, he married Mary J. Cook. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Henn of Morgantown, W.Va., William Henn of Denver, Colo., and Marc A. and Traci Henn of Syracuse; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ahlon and Brad Conner of Charlotte, Va., and Anne E. and Brian Sponseller of Zionsville; a brother, Robert L. Henn of Huntington; and six grandchildren.

Graveside services conducted by the Rev. Tom Speicher and U.S. Navy personnel will be held Wednesday in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Friends and family will gather at 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, and proceed to the cemetery.

Memorials in Dr. Henn's name may be made to Hancock Memorial Hospital Foundation, 801 N. State St., Greenfield, IN 46140.

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Thank You

to everyone for their kindness and prayers during the time of our loss. A special thank you to the Noble County EMS, Dr. Godley, Dr. Phend, Rev. Flickinger, the Wayne Center United Methodist Church, and Hite Funeral Home.

The Family of Edgar R. Long

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KENDALLVILLE, IN

Boy's death called accidental

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ROME CITY — Although no official ling has been made, police are calling e death of a 9-year-old boy on Sunday probable accident.

Curtis Ritchie, a second-grader at ome City School, died Sunday ternoon at home in the 800 block of outh S.R. 9, Rome City. He lived there ith his parents, Kenneth and Deanna itchie, and his three brothers.

"Everything is appearing to be an cident. It doesn't look like it was mething planned by the 9-year-old," etective Sgt. Joe Hutsell said. "It's a eak accident."

According to Hutsell, Curtis died shortly after his mother sent him to the basement to do a chore on Sunday. While crawling around on some storage items in the basement, Curtis apparently became entangled in some laundry cord hanging from above.

Curtis Ritchie

"However it happened, he got his head through a loop in the rope. When he got his head into it, it tightened," Hutsell said, adding that the loop was "not a noose."

After about 10 minutes, Deanna Ritchie called down to her son, but he didn't answer, according to Hutsell, who said the mother then went down to the basement to check on her son and found him with the cord around his neck, not breathing.

Emergency-911 was contacted at 2:40 p.m. Sunday, according to Chief Deputy Doug Harp of the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

Efforts to revive the boy were made by Orange Township Fire Department first responders and Noble County EMS, who performed CPR on Curtis and transported him to Parkview Noble Hospital before law enforcement officers arrived on the scene, Harp said.

Noble County Coroner John Brazzell said he was notified at 3:23 p.m. Brazzell said he observed the death scene and then went on to Parkview Noble Hospital, where the investigation continued.

A post-mortem examination was held Monday at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Brazzell said he will make an official determination of cause of death on Wednesday.

"I'm waiting to talk to the

Curtis Ritchie

KENDALLVILLE — Curtis Daniel Ritchie, 9, of Kendallville died Sunday, Oct. 31, 2004, at his home.

Curtis Ritchie

Curtis was a second-grade student at Rome City School.

He had recently become involved with Cub Scouts and was excited about that.

He was born July 5, 1995, in Kendallville to Kenneth G. "Fred" and Deanna M. (Meine) Ritchie. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three brothers, Christopher, Jonathan and William, all at home; his maternal grandmother, Carol Meine of Crookston, Minn.; his paternal grandmother, Josephine Ritchie of Kendallville; his maternal great-grandmother, Luella Walsh of ~~Lake Bronson, Minn.~~; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with the Rev. Gene Suffridge officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Robert F. Sawyer

BUCHANAN, Mich. — Robert F. Sawyer, 82, of Buchanan, Mich., died Sunday Oct. 31, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Sawyer

He was born on Dec. 18, 1921, to Robert E. and Laura A. (Simmons) Sawyer in St. Ignace, Mich. He served in the U.S. Army during both World War II and the Korean War, and enjoyed spending time with his fellow comrades later in life.

On June 5, 1954, he married Donna J. Barlett in Angola. She survives.

He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from Tri-State College. He retired from Clark Equipment Co. after 27 years of service in engineering, and went on to work at Jack Post Manufacturing for more than 10 years. He was a former president of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and a former member of the Buchanan American Legion. His hobbies included spending time in his tool shop, woodworking and collecting and working on old televisions and radios.

Also surviving are two sons, Daryl Sawyer of Texas and Jerry Sawyer of Buchanan; a daughter Marjie Sawyer of Niles, Mich.; a daughter-in-law, Susan Taylor-Sawyer of North Liberty; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Edith Sawyer and Emily Monroe; and a son, Greg Sawyer.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Mission Hills Memorial Chapel, 61453 M-51, Niles. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Mission Hills Chapel. Burial will be in Mission Hills.

Memorials are to the SME Society Scholarship Fund.

Arrangements are being handled by Brown-Pifer Funera Home and Cremation Services and Mission Hills Memorial Chapel.

Wilbur McDowell

AUBURN — Wilbur "Bud" McDowell, 78, of Auburn died Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, at his home.

Mr. McDowell was an executive at Magnavox for 40 years. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, serving during World War II. He graduated from ITT Technical Institute, Fort Wayne, and was an Eagle Scout.

He was born June 21, 1926, in Palm Beach County, Fla., to Quincy and Ruth (Cline) McDowell. They preceded him in death.

He married Garcile Smith on July 26, 1975, in Fort Wayne. She died March 16.

Surviving are two daughters, Debra Storer and Tricia Kermicle; three sons, Mike, Scott and Kevin McDowell, steprelatives, Monte Nicols and Nicole Seabeck; 13 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Diana McDowell.

Private services will be conducted for the family. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Lucille Wagner

KENDALLVILLE — Lucille H. Wagner, 85, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wagner

Mrs. Wagner was a cook at Miller's Restaurant and a homemaker.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

She was born Feb. 16, 1919, in Kendallville to Hiram and Harriett (Luttman) Bowman. On May 15, 1937, in Albion, she married Jesse William Wagner. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Ruth Thomas of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Joan Wagner of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Mary Smith, on July 1, 1998; a sister, Helen; and three brothers, Warren, Roscoe and Arthur Bowman.

Services were at noon Friday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Caudill of Free Will Baptist Church in Kendallville officiating. Burial was at Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling was from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

V. Maxine Parish

HOWE — V. Maxine Parish, 86, of Howe died Sunday, Oct. 31, 2004, at Heartland Health Care Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mrs. Parish was a member of the Gray Panthers at Prairie High School and attended First Baptist Church in Sturgis, Mich.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Parish was born Aug. 3, 1918, in Burr Oak, Mich., to William and Alice E. (Bowman) Mecklenburg. On Nov. 11, 1967, in Sturgis, she married Evan J. Parish. He died in 1991.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steve and Shari Kayner of Marcellus, Mich., Dan and Bonnie Kellay of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Bob Kayner of Sturgis; four stepchildren, Douglas and Bobbi Parish of White Pigeon, Mich., Connie Parish Carpenter of Norco, Calif., Ranea and Terry Hayden of Elkhart, and Greg and Janet Parish of Lebonon, Ohio; a sister, Ruth Parish of LaGrange; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Tosheko Mechlenburg of Columbia, Md.; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Bill and Perry Macklenburg, and a sister, Helen Perry.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Rickey McAtee

WAWAKA — Rickey L. "Mac" McAtee, 57, of Wawaka died at 2 a.m. Monday, Nov. 1, 2004, at his home.

Mr. McAtee had moved to Wawaka eight years ago from Fort Wayne.

He was a lathe operator for Consolidated Technologies in Ligonier.

Mr. McAtee enjoyed working on and restoring automobiles and playing with his grandchildren.

He was born Nov. 18, 1946, in Fort Wayne to Henry and Gladys (Smith) McAtee. They are deceased. On Nov. 15, 1969, in Fort Wayne, he married Sharon Shirey. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Shana McAtee of Wawaka; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Shane McAtee of Wawaka and Shawn and Bobbie McAtee of Decatur; a brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Nancy McAtee of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Debbie Byers and Nanette Peterson, both of Fort Wayne, Beth Chancey of Valdosta, Ga., and Bridget Bradtmuller of Hoagland; and five grandchildren, Jay Voirol, Shayla McAtee, Dereck Drake, Dakota McAtee and Paige McAtee.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Dan McAtee.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Pastor Purda Hicks officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Morris Bryan

MULBERRY — Morris J. Bryan, 95, of Mulberry died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at Mulberry Health & Retirement Center.

Mr. Bryan had been a farmer and served 17 years as a maintenance supervisor at Purdue University, retiring from there in 1975. He had also been employed with Nathaniel Rodenbarger Construction before becoming a self-employed carpenter.

He was a graduate of Mulberry High School and served in the U.S. Army in Greenland during World War II.

Mr. Bryan was born Oct. 19, 1909, in Clinton County to Joseph R. and Mary A. (Person) Bryan. On June 5, 1945, in Forrest, Ind., he married E. Alfrieda Wainscott. She died March 6, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, J. Max and Brenda Bryan of Mulberry; a daughter and son-in-law, Ellen A. and Larry Campbell of LaOtto; a sister, Edna Mae Livelsberger of Mulberry; four grandchildren, Julie and Kevin Becker, Todd and Tamara Campbell, Melissa and Brad Gesse and Cory and Amy Bryan; and four great-grandchildren, Anna Becker, Kaila Hampshire, Erin Campbell and Brendan Campbell.

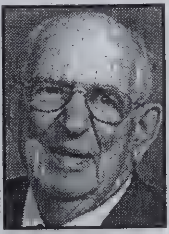
Also preceding him in death was a brother, Orville E. Bryan.

Services were held Friday at Bodine Funeral Home in Mulberry with the Rev. Tom Hoehner officiating. Burial was in Fair Haven Cemetery in Mulberry.

Memorials are to the Arthriti Foundation, Indiana Chapter, 8660 Cuion Road, Indianapolis IN 46268-3011.

Albert DeVaux

FORT WAYNE — Albert DeVaux, 86, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Oct. 31, 2004, at his home.


Mr. DeVaux

A Fort Wayne native, he had been employed at General Electric for 40 years, retiring in 1978.

He was a member of Forest Park United Methodist Church, the Historical Automobile Association and the G.E. Quarter Century Club. He was president of St. Joe Township Farm Bureau.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and James Garman of Waterloo and Charlene and Craig Baumgardner of Auburn; a son, Ronald DeVaux and the son's companion, Glenda Wolfe, of Harlan; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Harry and Elmar DeVaux.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana Highway 930 E., New Haven. Burial will be in Bowers Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Forest Park United Methodist Church.

Steven Darrough

SPENCERVILLE — Steven L. Darrough, 58, of Spencerville died Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

He worked at Kroger in Fort Wayne and had worked for Marsh Supermarket and Scott's Foods.

Surviving are his wife, Susan (Marshall) Darrough of Fort Wayne; one son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Margaret Darrough of Tipton; a daughter and son-in-law, Ginger and Rob Skelton of Carmel; two sisters, Lee Ann Cruz of Fullerton, Calif., and Nedra Lewis and her husband, David, of Kokomo; four grandchildren; his mother, Sally McCormick of Kokomo; and his two pet dogs, Lucy and Lillie.

Preceding him in death were his father, William Darrough; his father who raised him, Ned McCormick; and a son, Steven Darrough.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville, with burial in Russiaville Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or the Spencerville Fire Department.

Galen Brumbaugh

COLUMBIA CITY — Galen R. Brumbaugh, 71, of Columbia City died Monday, Nov. 1, 2004, at his home of natural causes.

Mr. Brumbaugh

He had retired from farming in 1998. Prior to that he had assisted with the operation of the Arcola IGA.

Mr. Brumbaugh was a 1953 graduate of Arcola High School. He served in the U.S. Army from Jan. 8, 1954, to Dec. 23, 1955, during the Korean War.

He was born Sept. 14, 1933, near Skinner Lake in Noble County to Melvin and Velma (Strouse) Brumbaugh.

Surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Betty Brumbaugh of Fort Wayne and William and Joyce Brumbaugh of Columbia City; three nieces; three nephews; seven great-nieces; five great-nephews; and two great-great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Arnold and Rodger.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Dennis Beckner of Columbia City Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Barbara Allen

FORT WAYNE — Barbara L. Allen, 53, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Oct. 31, 2004, at her home.

She had worked at General Motors Corp. and was a former Kendallville resident.

She attended the Open Arms Ministries Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born Aug. 9, 1951, in West Virginia to F. Clayton and Louise O. (Osborne) Walkup. Her father survives in Lady Lake, Fla.

Also surviving are a son, Arthur Allen of Atlanta, Ga.; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kathy Zimmerman of Fort Wayne and Brenda and Edwin Froelich of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her mother and a nephew, Shane Zimmerman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Carmichael Funeral Service in Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour before services.

Also, memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Harvest Community Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Rich Laskowski officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Iris Walter

FREMONT — Iris June Walter, 86, of Fremont died Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Walter

Mrs. Walter was born June 17, 1918, in Fremont, to Pyrl A. Duncan and Merle (Hammond) Griffith. She was married to Raymond C. Walter on Nov. 9, 1946, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 15, 1999.

She was a homemaker and also worked as a desk clerk at the Holiday Inn in Fremont. She enjoyed quilting and dogs.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Bud Stroh of Fremont; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ted and Toby Walter of Fremont, Roger Follett of Phoenix and Ronald and Jan Follett of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Clair and Katie Duncan of Fremont; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sondra Davis, and a sister, Betty Hill.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Gregory Chupp officiating. Calling will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society, Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice or the Fremont Youth & Community Center.

Maurice Marquart

KENDALLVILLE — Maurice LeRoy "Sonny" Marquart, 64, of Kendallville died at 11:20 a.m. Monday, Nov. 1, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. He had been ill one week.

Mr. Marquart had lived in Kendallville most of his life, coming there from Arizona.

He retired in 2002 from Kendallville Publishing Co.

He was born Oct. 19, 1940, in Decatur to Maurice E. and Mary Helen (Pierce) Marquart.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Anna Marquart-Minegar of Zolfo, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Bee Wolford of Hardy, Ky., and Janette and David Williams of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, David Dalton and Daniel Dalton; a sister and brother-in-law, ConnieJean and Gordon Harper of Avilla; two grandchildren, Michael Minegar and Zachary Wolford; and two stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. James Archambeault of New Life Tabernacle officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Ellen Mooney

CORUNNA — Ellen M. Mooney, 81, of Corunna died Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004, at her home.

She worked 16 years at Bohn Aluminum in Butler, retiring in July 1985.

She was a member of the Eagles Women's Auxiliary in Butler and Garrett.

She was born March 13, 1923, in Spencerville to Leroy and Susie "Lillian" (McClure) Zimmerman. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Philbert L. Mooney of Fort Wayne and Michael E. Mooney of Auburn; three daughters, Bonnie C. Chisholm of Garrett, Mary E. Stockert of Avilla and Sandy L. Bonnett of Corunna; 14 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, Wayne D. Mooney; a daughter, Judith Smurr; a grandson, Craig Smurr; a sister, Viola Moody; and three brothers, Sherman, Charles and Melvin Zimmerman.

There will be no calling or services.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

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Mary Olson

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Louise Olson, 77, of Kendallville died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, at her residence surrounded by her family. She had been ill for several months.

Mrs. Olson was born Feb. 26, 1927, in Auburn to Cornelius "Johnny" and Daisy (Dibert) Woodcox. She grew up in St. Joe and graduated from high school there before marrying Arnold Olson in Bellerose, N.Y. on June 10, 1945. The couple returned to Indiana in 1967.

In addition to raising a large family, Mrs. Olson played the organ at various churches, including her husband's in Ardsley, N.Y., and is remembered as a great help to her husband in her role as minister's wife.

Mrs. Olson earned her master's degree in elementary education from Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne in 1971. She taught at Garrett-Keyser-Butler Elementary Schools for many years before her retirement in 1994.

Mrs. Olson was very musical, playing the piano and organ. After a trip to Italy, she became a fan of Italian opera. Her interest led her to New York City and Chicago to see shows. She is remembered as an avid reader, a wonderful cook and a skilled seamstress. She was a very involved grandmother and mother and was the communication center for her large family.

After retirement, Mrs. Olson stayed active in the United Methodist Church of Avilla, playing the organ and participating in an after-school program for elementary children. She also served as a volunteer at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla and at Northern Indiana Public Radio in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by five daughters and four sons-in-law, Karin and Ron Johnson of Vermont, Kirstin and Michael Murphy of New Hampshire, Wendy and Alain Fournier of Paris, France, Sherri Olson and her husband, Arthur Smith, of Connecticut and Shelley Olson of Kendallville; three sons and one daughter-in-law, Eric and Cathy Blyth Olson of Fort Wayne, and Carl and Brent Olson, both of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years on Nov. 10, 2000; and three brothers, W. Gray, Josiah and Byron Woodcox.

A memorial service was held Sunday, October 31, 2004, at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. Private burial will be later in the week.

Memorials are to the Nature Conservancy or the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Rickey L. "Mac" McAtee

WAWAKA — Rickey L. McAtee, 57, of Wawaka died Monday, Nov. 1, 2004, at his residence in rural Wawaka.

Mr. McAtee was born Nov. 18, 1946, in Fort Wayne to Henry and Gladys (Smith) McAtee. He grew up in Ft. Wayne. He married Sharon (Shirey) McAtee in Fort Wayne, on Nov. 15, 1969, where they lived with their family until eight years ago when they moved to Wawaka. She survives in Wawaka.

Mr. McAtee worked as a lathe operator for Consolidated Technologies INC in Ligonier, IN.

He enjoyed working on and restoring cars and playing with his grandchildren.

He is survived by one daughter and two sons, Shana McAtee and Shane McAtee of Wawaka , Shawn (Bobbie) McAtee of Decatur, IN.; one brother, Mark (Nancy) McAtee of Ft. Wayne, four sisters, Debbie Byers, Nanette Peterson, both of Fort Wayne, Beth Chancey of Valdosta, GA., and Bridget Bradtmuller of Hogland, IN.; five grandchildren, Jay Voirol, Shayla McAtee, Dereck Drake, Dakota McAtee, and Paige McAtee.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Dan McAtee.

Memorial services are Saturday, November 6, 2004, 11:00 A.M. at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel. Visitation one hour prior to memorial service.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis

THE NEW ERA

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Lee Gadomski

ROME CITY — Lee William Gadomski, 65, of Rome City died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gadomski had been employed as a truck driver for various companies including seven years for Shambaugh & Sons, 17 years for Wible Lumber in South Milford and 20 years for Kendallville Distributors.

Following his retirement, he started his own transportation service chauffeuring the Amish. For the past 10 years he operated KunTree Folks Ice Cream selling homemade ice cream at area fairs and festivals.

He was a member of American Legion Post 215 in LaGrange, the Kendallville VFW Post Men's Auxiliary, the Kendallville Eagles and the Kendallville Moose Lodge.

Mr. Gadomski was born June 24, 1939, in Ege to Walter William and Anna (Schmidt) Gadomski. On Feb. 28, 1990, in Maui, Hawaii, he married Bonnie Lou Rowlison. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Ken Ramey of Kendallville, Brenda and Roger Arnett of Avilla, Aimee and Rex Swank of Russiaville and Katrina and Tyler Chrisman of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Walter "Wally" and Melinda Gadomski of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Curtis Rowlison of Waterloo; a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph "Joe" and Jean Gadomski of Venice, Fla.; three sisters, Mary Theresa Fletcher of Churubusco, Margie Taulbee of LaOtto and Gretta Gadomski of Shipshewana; 10 grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and a great-grandson; and three women he thought of as daughters, Edna Fleck of Rome City, Cheryl O'Neal of Kendallville and Betty Lee of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Steven Gadomski in 1960 and Edward Oliver Gadomski in 1991; and a brother, John Gadomski.

Services were held Saturday, October 30, 2004, at Community Baptist Church, west of South Milford with the Rev. Lee Combs and the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial was at Orange Cemetery.

GALEN R. BRUMBAUGH

COLUMBIA CITY – Galen R. Brumbaugh, 71, of Columbia City, was found dead at his home on Monday morning, November, 1 2004 of natural causes.

He was born September 14, 1933 near Skinner Lake in Noble County, Indiana the son of Melvin and Velma (Strouse) Brumbaugh. In December 1945, his family moved to Arcola from Noble County. He graduated from Arcola High School in 1953.

On January 8, 1945, he was inducted into the United States Army, serving during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged December 23, 1955.

From 1945 until the 1970's he, assisted with the operation of Arcola IGA. In December 1971 he moved to a farm in Washington Township, Whitley County. He retired from general farming in 1998 when he moved his home in Columbia City.

He is survived by two brothers, Paul (Betty) Brumbaugh of Fort Wayne and William (Joyce) Brumbaugh of Columbia City; three nephews; three nieces; seven great nieces and five great nephews; and two great great nieces.

Proceeded in death by his parents and two brothers, Arnold Brumbaugh and Rodger Brumbaugh.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 A.M., Thursday, November 4, 2004, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Rev. Dennis Beckner, pastor of Columbia City Church of the Brethren, officiating. The burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Elizabeth Miller

LAGRANGE — Elizabeth Marie Miller, 68, of LaGrange died at 2:45 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Nov. 6, 1935, in Topeka to Jacob N. and Anna L. (Miller) Miller. On Nov. 8, 1956, in LaGrange County, she married Ervin E. Miller. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-laws, LeAnna Marie and Harvey Schrock of Wolcottville, and Esther Ella and Lester Petersheim, Elsie Arlene and William Miller and Edna Mae and John Bontrager, all of Shipshewana; six sons and daughters-in-law, Howard Vernon and Ruby Miller of Hillsboro, Wis., Ernest E. and Mary Miller of Howe and Elva Jay and Rynona Miller, Mervin Cristy and Fannie Mae Miller, Danny E. and Marilyn Miller and Orva Jacob and Marilyn Miller, all of LaGrange; a sister and brother-in-law, Katie Mae and Alton Bontrager of LaGrange; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Crist Jay and Edna Miller of Goshen, Ernest J. and Anna Mae Miller of LaGrange and Vernon J. and Erma Miller of Topeka; 60 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Merlin Miller residence, 2255 N. C.R. 100E, LaGrange, with Bishop Daniel Herschberger and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Bloomfield Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Thursday and all day Friday at the family home at 2250 N. C.R. 100E, LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lee Pence

CHURUBUSCO — Lee "Huck" Pence, 69, of Churubusco died Wednesday Nov. 3, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Pence

Born Nov. 23, 1934, in Whitley County, he was a truck driver for Brooks Construction for 21 years, retiring in 1997. He was an Army veteran and attended St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Columbia City.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon K. Pence of Churubusco; three daughters, Lisa Hurt of Harlan, Sherrill Hibler of Fort Wayne and Sandra Zumbrun of Atlanta, Ga.; two sons, Jerry Pence of Berne and Doug Pence of Butler; one brother, Paul Pence of Churubusco; three sisters, Jean Nelson of Homosassa, Fla., Roberta "Bobbie" Laycoff of Fort Wayne and Mary Limecooley of Angola; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Douglas L. Pence, his brother, Bill Pence, and his parents, Arthur and Grace Pence.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Saturday after 10 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Cancer Society.

Margaret Canessa

MICHIGAN CITY — Margaret Canessa 78, of Michigan City, died Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Canessa was born May 23, 1926, in Oak Park, Ill., to Oliver G. and Alma (Webb) Lien. She married Stephen James Canessa on June 15, 1966, in Michigan City at the First United Methodist Church. He preceded her in death on April 3, 1994.

She was a fifth-grade teacher at Edgewood Elementary School for 32 years, and was a teacher for a total of 36 years. She was a member of the Michigan City Professional Women, Elizabeth Circle, UMCW, AARP, Michigan City Historical Society, past president of the LaPorte County Retired Teachers Association, League of Women Voters, Docent at the Old MC Lighthouse, Area 2 Agency on Aging, and was very active with local, state and national politics.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Tony Armey of Angola and Linda and Kent Messersmith of Niles, Mich.; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Stacy and Doug Gibson of Sheridan; a step-granddaughter and step-grandson-in-law, Lisa and Tim Michael; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Steven Mitchell; a sister, Elsie M. Demorest; and a brother, Dr. Oliver G. Lien.

Services were Wednesday at Carlisle Funeral Home, Michigan City.

Burial was in Constantine Township Cemetery, Michigan.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

Sydney Donay

COLDWATER, Mich. — Sydney Nicole Donay, 4 months, of Coldwater, Mich., died Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Sydney was born June 20, 2004, in Marshall, Mich., to Gregory and Nicole (Rock) Donay. Both her parents survive.

Also surviving are a sister, Kaia Brooke Donay, at home; maternal grandparents Karen and Mike Rockwood of Hillsdale, Mich. and Jim Rock of Kalamazoo, Mich.; paternal grandparents Larry and Nan Donay of Angola and Dorothy Donay of Coldwater; maternal great-grandparents Helen and Lee Heiman of Port Charlotte, Fla.; paternal great-grandmothers Mary Donay of Cleveland, Ohio, and Frances Stapin of Twinsburg, Ohio; aunt and uncles Brian and Lyndia Rock of Coldwater and Paul Donay of Battle Creek, Mich.; godparents Robert and Tracy Donay of Cleveland, David and JoEllen Donay of Coldwater and Jeff and Teresa Donay of Urbana, Ohio; and cousins Luke and Gracie Donay of Coldwater, Justin and Brock Donay of Urbana, Joseph Donay of Cleveland and McKenzie Rock of Coldwater.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Macy Alexandra Donay, on Sept. 4, 2002.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Coldwater, with the Rev. Brian Stanley officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. at Dutcher Funeral Home, Coldwater, with the Rosary to be recited at 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

Memorials are to the Sydney Nicole Donay Memorial Fund.

The family's online guestbook can be found at www.dutcherfh.com.

Om Sinha

FREMONT — Om Sinha, 76, of Fremont died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Sinha was born Jan. 4, 1928, in Faizabad, U.P., India.

He is survived by his wife, Mary L. (Flanders) Sinha.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

ADVANCED LEADER

NOVEMBER 4 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

Rickey McAtee

WAWAKA — Rickey L. "Mac" McAtee, 57, of Wawaka died at 2 a.m. Monday, Nov. 1, 2004, at his home.

Mr. McAtee had moved to Wawaka eight years ago from Fort Wayne. He was a lathe operator for Consolidated Technologies in Ligonier.

Mr. McAtee enjoyed working on and restoring automobiles and playing with his grandchildren.

He was born Nov. 18, 1946, in Fort Wayne to Henry and Gladys (Smith) McAtee. They are deceased. On Nov. 15, 1969, in Fort Wayne, he married Sharon Shirey. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Shana McAtee of Wawaka; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Shane McAtee of Wawaka and Shawn and Bobbie McAtee of Decatur; a brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Nancy McAtee of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Debbie Byers and Nanette Peterson, both of Fort Wayne, Beth Chancey of Valdosta, Ga., and Bridget Bradtmuller of Hoagland; and five grandchildren, Jay Voirol, Shayla McAtee, Dereck Drake, Dakota McAtee and Paige McAtee.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Dan McAtee.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Pastor Purda Hicks officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Mary Fulford

WAWAKA — Mary Ellen Fulford, 91, of Avalon Village in Ligonier died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, at 7:28 p.m.

She had lived in several nursing homes in the area due to ill health.

She was born Dec. 27, 1912, in Wawaka to William and Bessie (Musser) Fulford.

She is survived by a nephew; two nieces; several cousins; and the Rev. Neil Anderson, her guardian for more than 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, George Fulford.

Services were Sunday at 2 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Neil Anderson officiating.

Burial was in Cosperville Cemetery in Wawaka.

Dr. Ray Henn

SYRACUSE — Dr. Ray Anthony "Tony" Henn, 80, of Syracuse died Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, at Gables of Greencroft in Goshen.

Dr. Henn had lived in Syracuse for a year and prior to that in Greenfield where he had been a general practitioner from 1950 until his retirement in 1987. He had been instrumental in the development of Hancock Memorial Hospital.

He was a member of Bradley United Methodist Church in Greenfield.

Dr. Henn was the first Boy Scout in Noble County to achieve Eagle rank.

He was a graduate of Indiana University Medical School and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Dr. Henn was a member of the Greenfield American Legion Post, Greenfield Elks Lodge and the Indiana Medical Society.

He was born Jan. 11, 1924, in Ligonier to Kenneth R. and Corinne E. (Hussey) Henn. On Feb. 20, 1960, he married Mary J. Cook. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Henn of Morgantown, W.Va., William Henn of Denver, Colo., and Marc A. and Traci Henn of Syracuse; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ahlon and Brad Conner of Charlotte, Va., and Anne E. and Brian Sponseller of Zionsville; a brother, Robert L. Henn of Huntington; and six grandchildren.

Graveside services conducted by the Rev. Tom Speicher and U.S. Navy personnel were Wednesday in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Hancock Memorial Hospital Foundation, 801 N. State St., Greenfield, IN 46140.

ADVANCED LEADER

NOVEMBER 4 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

Verna Kistler

ELKHART — Verna Berdelle Kistler, 93, of Rosewood Terrace Nursing Home in Elkhart and formerly of the Rochester, Leiters Ford and Plymouth areas, died at 4:40 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, at the home.

Mrs. Kistler was a homemaker and an employee of Indiana Metal and Hart Schaffner and Marx in Rochester when she lived there from 1986-2003. She was a member of the Kingdom Hall Church there and in Plymouth.

She enjoyed reading, cooking, traveling and sharing memories with her friends and family. Mrs. Kistler lived in the Leiters Ford area from 1934-1970 and in Bremen from 1970-1986, then in Rochester and Plymouth. She moved to Elkhart in 2003.

She was born to John Clayton and Bessie Belle (Inebnit) Cripe on Oct. 29, 1910, in Middlebury. She married Ralph Emerson Kistler on Feb. 3, 1929, in South Bend. He preceded her in death on June 10, 1966.

She is survived by one daughter, Cheryl Kay Kistler of Elkhart; two sons and daughters-in-law, John M. and Marjorie Kistler of Indianapolis and Ralph E. and Harolaine Kistler of Ligonier; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Kistler was preceded in death by one son, Joseph K. Kistler, on Aug. 27, 1984; one great-granddaughter, Lydia Rose Lichtenberger, in June 1998; two sisters, Margaret Gilbert and Marie Cripe at age 3; and a brother, Clayton Cripe, in August 2001.

Services were Sunday at Foster and Good Funeral Home in Rochester with Elder Adam Morie officiating.

Burial was in Leiters Ford Cemetery.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat upon a chair.

Perhaps you sent us beautiful flowers.
If so, we saw them there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
that any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all,
but just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,
we thank you so much, whatever your part.

Thank You From The
Family of Howard Weade

Mariellen Shively

SAINT ELMO, Ill. — Mariellen Shively, 85, of Saint Elmo died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, at Friendship Manor in Saint Elmo.

Mrs. Shively was a secretary for Studebaker Corp. in South Bend for 24 years.

She then served as an office administrator for Memorial Hospital Nursing School for 18 years, retiring from there in 1984.

She was a graduate of Mishawaka High School.

She received a lot of comfort from her pet cat, Blackie.

Mrs. Shively was born March 22, 1919, in Mishawaka to Harry G. and Celia (Hursey) Ramsbey. On Nov. 14, 1983, in South Bend she married Charles G. Shively. He survives.

Also surviving are a stepson and his wife, Dr. Robert and Paula Shively of St. Louis, Mo.; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Kathryn and William DeJohn of Minneapolis, Minn., Gayle and Leslie Moore of Vancouver, Wash., and Elisabeth DeBarr of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a brother, Harry Ramsbey Jr. of South Bend; a sister-in-law, Mildred Ramsbey of Wall Lake; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Kathryn Yoder; a brother, Robert Ramsbey; and a sister-in-law, Betty Ramsbey.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Stan Wilson of Ligonier Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 9-10 a.m. Saturday at Kessel Funeral Home in Saint Elmo, Ill., and 1-3 p.m. Sunday prior to services in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Pet Refuge, 2300 W. 6th St., Mishawaka, IN 46544.

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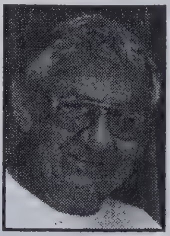
Lee Pence

CHURUBUSCO — Lee "Huck" Pence, 69, of Churubusco died Wednesday Nov. 3, 2004, at his home.



Mr. Pence

Born Nov. 23, 1934, in Whitley County, he was a truck driver for Brooks Construction for 21 years, retiring in 1997. He was an Army veteran and attended St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Columbia City.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon K. Pence, of Churubusco; three daughters, Lisa Hurt of Harlan, Sherrill Hibler of Fort Wayne and Sandra Zumbrun of Atlanta, Ga.; two sons, Jerry Pence of Berne and Doug Pence of Butler; one brother, Paul Pence of Churubusco; three sisters, Jean Nelson of Homosassa, Fla., Roberta "Bobbie" Laycoff of Fort Wayne and Mary Limecooley of Angola; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Douglas L. Pence, his brother, Bill Pence, and his parents, Arthur and Grace Pence

Services will be Saturday a noon in Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Saturday after 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Hilda Parson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Hilda L. (Kiser) Parson, 79, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Nov. 4, 2004, at her home.

Born in Whitley County, she retired in 1985 from General Electric Co. after 21 1/2 years of service.

She was a member of Star of the East 514, Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church in Woodruff and Taylor Chapel Church.

She was a graduate of Jefferson Center High School in Whitley County.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Judith Bruner of Wolcottville and James and Lexa Bruner of Rockville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and David Neal of Waterloo and Nancy and Dan Odell of White Pigeon, Mich.; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Cathy and Ron Fovargue of Humble, Texas, Nancy and Brent Davis of New Hudson, Mich., and Karen and Ron Ungerer of Avilla; a stepson, Richard Parson of Michigan; a sister and brother-in-law, Violet and Raymond Ungerer of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ora E. and Vera F. (Haun) Kiser, her husband, Richard G. Parson, and a brother, Eugene Kiser.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Whitley County.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County, Taylor Chapel or Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

Mary Peters

ANGOLA — Mary K. Peters, 95, of Angola died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Peters was born Dec. 21, 1908, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to Peter George and Addie (Olinger) Kandel. She was married to Harold Peters, who preceded her in death on July 1, 1984.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, the Women's Society of the Calvary Lutheran Church, and the Steuben County Women's Club. She was matron of the Steuben County Rest Home for 10 years. She was a graduate of Butler High School.

Surviving are two nephews and their spouses, Herbert Kandel of Auburn and George and Gwyn Kandel of Butler; and three nieces, Kathryn Hall of Fort Wayne, Lila Jean McConnell of Ligonier and Barbara Mathues of Canton, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Howard Kandel, and a sister, Grace Reinhart.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, Butler.

Memorials are to the Annuities Fund of Calvary Lutheran Church.

Gerald Musser

ANGOLA — Gerald A. Musser, 45, of Angola died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Musser

Mr. Musser was born Sept. 8, 1959, in Auburn, to Norris and Wanda Lucille (Collins) Musser. He was married to LaDonna Leland on March 18, 1978, and she survives.

He worked at Ball Brass Foundry in Auburn. He was a member of God's Lighthouse of New Beginnings in Angola.

Also surviving are his mother, of Jonesville, Va.; three daughters and a son-in-law, Daisy and Shawn Ramsey of Enid, Okla., and Kristina and Danielle Musser, both at home; and three grandchildren, McKayla and C.J. Arndt and Aniston Ramsey.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Garry Musser officiating. Calling will be one hour before services.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the family.

Lloyd Christner

ELKHART — Lloyd Wayne Christner, 45, of Elkhart died at 9:25 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital of natural causes.

Mr. Christner was a corrections officer at the Westville Correctional Facility.

He enjoyed fishing, playing chess, cards and board games.

He was born Jan. 7, 1959, in LaGrange County to Menno L. and Eva Lee (Kennedy) Christner.

Surviving are two sons, William and Jacob Christner of LaPorte; a sister, Caroline Minier of Ligonier; a brother, Rick Christner of Elkhart; and a grandson, Owen Christner of LaPorte.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Timothy Christner.

Services were at noon today at Pine Lake Cemetery.

Cutler Funeral Home in LaPorte was in charge of arrangements.

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Om Sinha

FREMONT — Om Sinha, 76, of Fremont died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Sinha was born Jan. 4, 1928, in Faizabad, U.P, India, to Jagdish and Parvati (Srivastava) Sinha. He was married to Mary L. Flanders on Feb. 26, 1965, in Detroit. She survives.

He was a retired physics professor at Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta.

He was a member of the American Association of Physics Teachers. He attended the Atlanta Friends meetings. He was a Fremont resident for the past eight years.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dev Sinha and Sujata Sanghiva of Portland, Ore.; four sisters; and two brothers.

A Hindu funeral ceremony will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Road, Garden City, Mich. Calling will be at the family residence, 6451 N. C.R. 925E, Fremont, on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Mary Steele

FORT WAYNE — Mary T. (Bibbo) Steele, 85, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Steele was born Aug. 2, 1919, in Fort Wayne, to Joseph J. and Angela Mary (Romano) Bibbo. She was a Realtor with Hunters Ridge Real Estate.

She was a member of American Legion Post No. 499, loved bingo, and was an artist who painted on china and loved ceramics. She was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen Covey of Huntertown; three sons, Kenneth R. Steele of Orland and Kerry R. and Kirk A. Steele, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Angeline Fogel of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert A. Steele, and a brother, Pete Bibbo.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Graveside services will be held at a later date.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Francis R. "Frank" Goudy** were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Gammon officiating. Burial was in South Milford Cemetery. Pallbearers were LaVerne Willits, Freeman Willits, Cecil Crotts, Howard Hodge, Don Howe and Terry Northup.

SOUTH MILFORD — Services for **Lee Gadomski** were held at 11 a.m. Oct. 30 at Community Baptist Church near South Milford with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers were Allen Walter, Tom Hulen, Dick Hulen, Sam Jaquay, Al Countryman and Danny Fletcher. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services were held Thursday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, for **Curtis Daniel Ritchie**. The Rev. Gene Suffridge officiated. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Boyd Ritchie, Delbert Lee Ritchie, Willard Meine, Rick Meine, Lenny Meine and Jerry Meine.

KENDALLVILLE — Services were held Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home for **Maurice L. "Sonny" Marquart.** The Rev. James Archambeault officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Casketbearers were Connie Jean Harper, Richard Marquart-Minegar, Janette Williams, David Williams, Kimberly Wolford and Floyd Marquart.

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Dean Parker

WOLF LAKE — Dean Sittler Parker, 84, of Wolf Lake died at 12:18 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Parker

Mr. Parker was a lifetime farmer and had worked for International Harvester, I.J. Case and had retired in 1984 from American Hoist & Derrick.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident and a 1939 graduate of Wolf Lake High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

Mr. Parker enjoyed fishing, coon hunting and gardening.

He was born Oct. 26, 1920, in Wolf Lake to Warren E. and Hazel (Sittler) Parker. On April 15, 1944, in Decatur he married Iona Louise Schepp. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Pamela and Larry Earnhart of Cromwell and Debbie Weber of Wolf Lake; three grandchildren, Debbie Mehl of Wolf Lake, Kimberly Sidwell of Syracuse and Anthony Badoreck of Wolf Lake; and five great-grandchildren, Ryan Mehl, Brittany Mehl, Tyler Sidwell, Mackenzie Sidwell and Madeline Sidwell.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Wanda Kathleen Delongchamp.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Mary Lou Sutton

FORT WAYNE — Mary Lou Sutton, 73, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

She had worked for Holland Motor Express for nine years. She was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her husband, Eugene Sutton; her father, Robert McCulloch of Hollywood, Fla.; three sons, Jeffrey E. Sutton of Huntersville, N.C., John A. Sutton of Durham, N.C., and James S. Sutton of Del Rio, Texas; a sister, Barbara A. Geyer of Winchester; two brothers, Robert S. McCulloch of Orlando, Fla., and James L. McCulloch of Garrett; and four grandchildren.

Her mother, Esther McCulloch, preceded her in death in 2001.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Concordia Lutheran Church, Parkview Home Health & Hospice and Riley Hospital for Children.

Elizabeth Frisbey

LAGRANGE — Elizabeth I. Frisbey, 80, of LaGrange died Sunday at home.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Elva Waldron

BRIMFIELD — Elva M. Waldron, 98, of Brimfield died at 4:05 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Miss Waldron

She had retired Aug. 1, 1968, from McCray Refrigeration and Linton Industries in Kendallville.

She was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church where she had been organist for 60 years.

A lifetime Noble County resident, she was born July 11, 1906, to Edna S. and Lenna B. (Ziegler) Waldron.

Surviving are a brother, Raymond E. Waldron of Brimfield; and a sister, Mrs. Carl Braumbaugh of Illinois.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Karl S. Waldron.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Brimfield United Methodist Church with the Rev. Maureen Mauzy officiating. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Brimfield United Methodist Church.

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Man dies in semi-deer mishap

BY MEGAN HOCKLEY
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AVILLA — A deer was struck and thrown through the windshield of a semi Monday, killing the driver.

Royce Yoder, 49, of the 6300 block of Birchdale Avenue, Fort Wayne, was eastbound in his 2001 Mack semi truck on S.R. 8 at 5:57 p.m. When he was just west of the DeKalb County line, near the intersection with Lash Road, a deer entered the roadway.

From the evidence at the scene of the crash, it appears the impact of the semi's grill with the deer threw the animal up and through the semi's front window on the driver's side, striking and killing Yoder, according to Noble County Coroner John Brazzell and a press release from the Noble County Sheriff's Department. The deer then was ejected out the rear window.

The only witness to the crash was traveling behind Yoder's Mack truck and was not able to see the deer until it exited the truck.

Brazzell said Yoder died of internal injuries caused by the impact with the deer. Yoder's truck then traveled into the ditch before coming to a stop.

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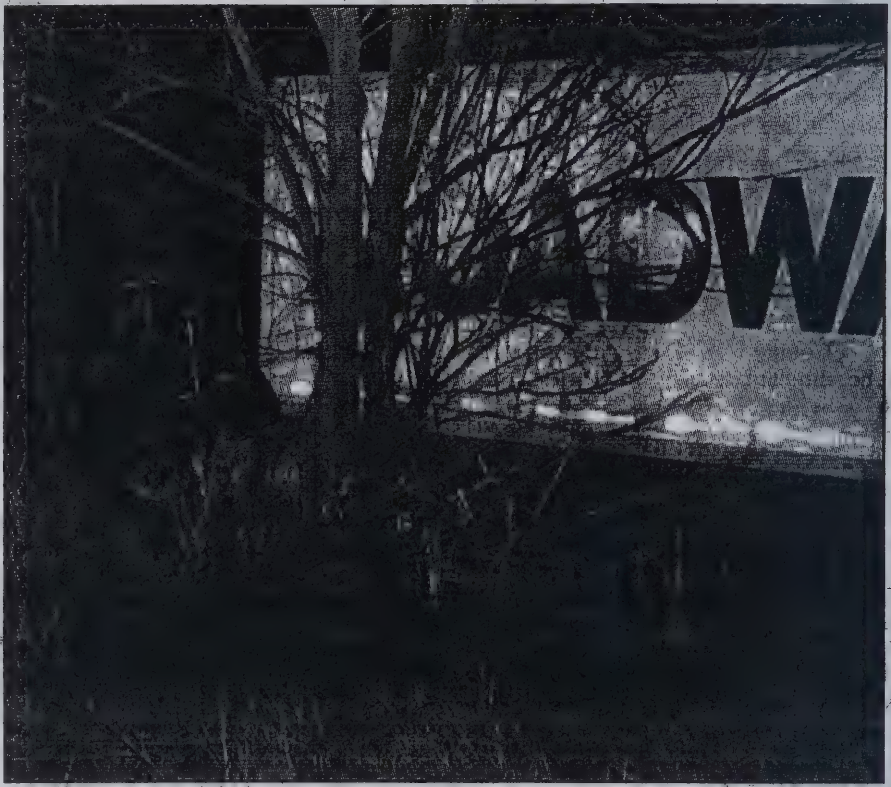


BILL GISEL

A Fort Wayne man was killed while driving eastbound on S.R. 8 near the Noble-DeKalb county line when a deer hit the grill on the semi, bounced through the windshield, striking the driver. The deer went on through the rear window of the semi, and the semi ditched itself.

SEMI: *Autopsy will be performed at Fort Wayne hospital*

Sheriff's Department at the scene were the Avilla police and fire departments, Noble County coroner and Noble County EMS.

There will be an autopsy at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne, according to Brazzell, who said the manner of Yoder's death was unusual.

"Not very often, but I have seen people killed in car-deer accidents, but not semi-deer accidents," Brazzell said.

Patricia Erwin

GARRETT — Patricia "Pat" L. Erwin, 49, of Garrett died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004.

A member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, she was a Girl Scout leader, den mother and homemaker. She worked at Scott's Food Store for 10 years. She loved her grandchildren very much.

She was born on April 21, 1955, in Garrett.

She married Steve Erwin in Garrett. He survives.

Also surviving are her stepfather and mother, Michael F. and Freda A. (Winkler) Pazitney of Celina, Ohio; one son, Brad Erwin and Beth Marks of Garrett; one daughter and son-in-law, Alexandria "Ali" R. and Kelly Bergman of Garrett; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas P. and Elizabeth Schiffli of Tallahassee, Fla., James J. and Kathy Schiffli of Waterloo, Richard M. and Judy Schiffli of Butler, William J. and Debra Schiffli of Ashley, and Dennis J. and Teri Schiffli of Hamilton; two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Carolyn and Roc Brown of Waterloo and Corraine M. and Timothy Stoneburner of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Natalie E. Erwin, Damien P. Erwin, Cole D. Bergman, and Kaitlyn T. Bergman; 29 nieces and nephews; and 20 great-nieces and -nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Heribert J. Schiffli.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo with the Rev. Tom Lombardi officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Rosary will be Wednesday at 8 p.m.

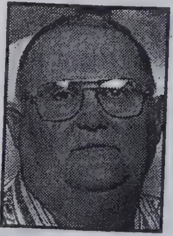
Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to an education fund for the grandchildren.

Jerry Munsey

BUTLER — Jerry G. Munsey, 60, of Butler died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004, at 1:10 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A Wilmington Township farmer, he worked for B.F. Goodrich Co. in Fort Wayne. He was an avid horseback rider and loved the outdoors.



Mr. Munsey

He was born Nov. 19, 1943, in Hartford City to Odis and Elizabeth (Rupright) Munsey. They preceded him in death.

On May 20, 1967, in Hicksville, Ohio, he married Sharon (Boylan) Munsey. She survives.

Also surviving are his son, Jeff Munsey of Butler; his daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Creighton Hobbs of Churubusco; his brother, Hillard A. Munsey of Butler; two sisters, Mary Rakestraw of Waterloo and Myra Czaja of St. Joe; and his grandchild, Connor Hobbs.

He was preceded in death by two stepbrothers, Wellman and Hank Munsey.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Thursday one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, American Diabetic Association or the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

M. Elizabeth Day

DAYTON, Ohio — M. Elizabeth Day, 71, of Dayton died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at Hospice of Dayton.

Mrs. Day was born in Angola.

Surviving are six sons, Paul, David, Tony, Tim, Ted and Martin, as well as several other family members.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the Miami Valley Memory Gardens Mausoleum Chapel, Dayton, with Karen E. Dorn officiating. Following the service, a gathering for family and friends will be at American Legion Post No. 598, 5700 Kentshire Drive, Kettering, Ohio.

Memorials are to Hospice of Dayton.

Arrangements are being handled by Newcomer-Farley Funeral Home, Kettering Chapel.

Elizabeth Frisbey

LAGRANGE — Elizabeth I. Frisbey, 80, of LaGrange died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Frisbey was born in Elkhart on June 5, 1924, to Claude and Blanch Struble. She was married to Roger Frisbey, who preceded her in death in 1987.

Mrs. Frisbey and her husband farmed in LaGrange.

Surviving are her caregivers, Rebecca and Terry Shreve of LaGrange.

She was also preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation or The Villages Foster Care.

Arrangements are being handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Mary Ramge

FINDLAY, Ohio — Mary Blanche Ramge, 79, of Findlay died at 5:10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, in the emergency room at Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center in Findlay.

Mrs. Ramge had attended Tiffin University and had retired after working 20 years registering vital statistics for the Findlay Health Department. Prior to that she had been a secretary at Marathon Oil Co.

She was a charter member of the Christ Church United Methodist in Findlay. She enjoyed quilting and was a member of the Ohio Star Quilters.

Mrs. Ramge was born Nov. 27, 1924, in Noble County, Ind., to Dallas G. and Katie L. (Becker) Noe. On Oct. 24, 1954, she married Donald Ramge. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas F. and Jackie Ramge; a brother, Dallas G. Noe Jr. of Horseheads, N.Y.; and a grandson, Adam Ramge.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Kirkpatrick-Behnke Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Sittason Stark officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery in Findlay.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

James Sumwalt

ANGOLA — James Albert Sumwalt, 82, of Angola died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Sumwalt was born in Randolph County on Dec. 18, 1921, to Harry F. and Mabel M. (McWilliams) Sumwalt.

He worked for General Electric, retiring in 1986 after more than 20 years of service. He was a member of Trinity Ministries.

He served in the U.S. Navy, and was a master sergeant during World War II and the Korean War.

Surviving are seven children, James Sumwalt of Oklahoma, Michael Sumwalt, Brian Sumwalt and David Meyer, all of Bluffton, Jeffrey Sumwalt of Fort Wayne, Teresa Arnold of Angola and Debbie Meyer of Minnesota; five brothers, Edward Sumwalt of Arizona, Thomas Sumwalt of California, Donald Sumwalt of Hartford City, the Rev. Joseph Sumwalt of Warren, and Max Sumwalt of Muncie; two sisters, Harriett Anderson of Arizona and Mildred Coppock of Fort Wayne; 28 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Hope Well Cemetery, Farmland, with the Rev. Joseph Sumwalt officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton.

Ruth Remley

ALBION — Ruth Remley, 71, of Albion died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Gary Whitcomb

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Gary A. Whitcomb, 66, of Greenville died Friday, Nov. 5, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Whitcomb had lived most of his life in LaGrange and Noble counties in Indiana before moving to Greenville and was a graduate of Tri-State University in Angola, Ind.

He had retired as an engineer from Navistar International after 36 years at the Fort Wayne plant.

Mr. Whitcomb was a 40-year member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, past president of the board of Northeastern Center Mental Health Association and a member of Sigma Phi Delta chapter at Tri State.

He was born May 22, 1938, in Sturgis, Mich., to Ralph W. Whitcomb and Velma J. (Guernsey) Whitcomb. His parents survive in Orland, Ind. On Sept. 7, 1958, in Brighton, Ind., he married Constance J. Arklie. She also survives.

Other survivors are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Julie Ross of LaGrange, Natalie and Joseph Rizzo of Greenville and Leslie and Michael Kucinskas of Saline, Mich.; a sister, Rae Jean Whitcomb of Orland; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brighton Chapel in Brighton with the Rev. Jeremy Helmuth officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Brighton Chapel.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Evelyn Sayer

SHOREWOOD, Minn. — Evelyn W. Sayer, 83, of Shorewood died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Sayer was a registered nurse and had received international recognition for her needlework.

She had established a chapter of the American Needlework Guild and served as vice president of the national organization. In 1978, her 13-figure needlework crèche won the top three awards at an international exhibit hosted by Princess Grace in Monaco.

She was born Oct. 25, 1921, in Garrett, Ind., to Burr and Anna Wineland. She grew up on a farm near Kendallville, Ind., and was a graduate of Wesley Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago. On Dec. 26, 1943, she married George W. Sayer. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are 13 children and their spouses, Kathy Sayer, George III and Annelies Sayer, Scott and Ellen Sayer, John and Carole Sayer, Sue and Jim Leaf, Pat Sayer, Jim Sayer, Tom and Holly Sayer, Brian Sayer, Joseph Sayer, Bob Sayer, Elizabeth Sayer, Ginny and Mark Metzgar and Laurie and Mick Phillips; a brother, Joe Wineland; and 28 grandchildren.

A son, Girard, also preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Therese Catholic Church, 18323 Minnetonka Blvd., Deephaven.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Huber Funeral Homes in Excelsior was in charge of arrangements.

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Patricia Erwin

GARRETT — Patricia "Pat" L. Erwin, 49, of Garrett died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004, at her home.

A member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, she was a Girl Scout leader, den mother and homemaker. She worked at Scott's Food Store for 10 years. She loved her grandchildren very much.

She was born on April 21, 1955, in Garrett.

She married Steve Erwin on March 22, 1975, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are her stepfather and mother, Michael F. and Frieda A. (Winkler) Pazitney of Celina, Ohio; one son, Brad Erwin and Beth Marks of Garrett; one daughter and son-in-law, Alexandria "Ali" R. and Kelly Bergman of Garrett; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas P. and Elizabeth Schiffli of Tallahassee, Fla., James J. and Kathy Schiffli of Waterloo, Richard M. and Judy Schiffli of Butler, William J. and Debra Schiffli of Ashley, and Dennis J. and Teri Schiffli of Hamilton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Carolyn and Roc Brown of Waterloo and Lorraine M. and Timothy Stoneburner of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Natalie E. Erwin, Damien P. Erwin, Cole D. Bergman, and Kaitlyn T. Bergman; 29 nieces and nephews; and 20 great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Heribert J. Schiffli.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo with the Rev. Tom Lombardi officiating.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a rosary service at 8 p.m

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to an education fund for the grandchildren in care of Garrett State Bank.

Ron Bodie

FORT WAYNE — Ron Bodie, 43, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, in Broughton, Ohio.

Mr. Bodie was a Lear jet pilot and was on his way to becoming chief pilot and director of operations for Special Aviation Systems Inc. in Leipsic, Ohio.

He was a 1980 graduate of Snider High School and he had attended Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two sons, Trent Ronald Bodie and Chad Jeffery Bodie of New Haven; a grandson, Alden Trent Bodie; his parents, Ellsworth "Bud" and Vera Marie Bodie; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Christine Marie Bodie of West Liberty, Ohio, Linda Sue and Jim Benjamin of Spencerville and Stephanie A. Barr of Fort Wayne; a brother, Jeffrey V. Bodie of Fort Wayne; and his fiancee, Zellma M. Grunden of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with burial in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ronald McDonald House.

Vernon Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Vernon Miller, 72, of Middlebury died at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at his home after a three-year battle with cancer.

Mr. Miller had resided in the same home since his birth.

He and his family owned and operated the Miller Cider Mill in Middlebury.

Mr. Miller was a member of South Union Fellowship Church where he served as a minister. He was a 1962 graduate of the Alexian Brothers School of Nursing in Chicago.

He was born May 27, 1932, at home to Ezra J. and Susie Ann (Weaver) Miller. On Aug. 22, 1959, in Union, Mich., he married Alta Marks. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Becky, Ruthie, Kathy and Mary Miller, all at home; a son, Sam Miller, at home; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Elva and Wilbert Kropf of Harrisburg, Ore., Mary and Menno Schrock of Barnwell, S.C., and Ruth and Ben Hostetler of Buffalo, Mo.; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Joe and Lottie Miller of McMinnville, Ore., and Harvey and Mary Miller of Wickenburg, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Barbara Miller, Lena Headings and Alta Headings; and three brothers, Alton, David and Stanley Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Fairhaven Mennonite Church in Middlebury with Walter Keim and Melvin Coning officiating. Burial will be in Clinton Union Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today and Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Christian Aid Ministries.

Ruth Remley

ALBION — Ruth Armadene (Zollars) Remley, 71, of Albion died at 2:46 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Remley

Mrs. Remley moved to Albion in 1981 from Kimmell.

She had retired from Starcraft in Topeka where she worked in shipping and receiving. She had also worked at Frick Services in Wawaka.

Mrs. Remley was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion Order of the Eastern Star and Rebecca's Circle.

She was born Aug. 12, 1933, in Marion County to Armond and Ruth (Morphew) Greeson. On Feb. 14, 1992, in Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, she married Donald Remley. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Deb Zollars of Ligonier and Bill and Kathy Zollars of Convoy, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Deborah Killian of Columbia City and Beth and Wayne Lewis of Wolcottville; three stepchildren and their spouses, Lizabeth and Steve Lewis, Jackie and Randy Thompson and Jeffery and Lisa Remley; a sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Jim Clendening of New Ross, Ind.; a brother and sister-in-law, Tommy and Sandy Greeson of Haines City, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Buddy Greeson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Nancy Furgesson officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church or Shepherd of the Hill nursing home's activity fund.

Jacqueline Link

AUBURN — Jacqueline C. Link, 42, of Auburn died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, in her home.

Born in Auburn, she worked at Regency Place Nursing Home for three years and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are her parents, Eugene and Shirley Link of Auburn; one daughter, Val Lesh of Chicago; and her maternal grandmother, Rozella Alwood of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Floyd and Orphelia Link and Guy Alwood.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dillard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Northeastern Center, 1850 Wesley Road, Auburn, or the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Dorothy Bentz

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy L. Bentz, 87, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, at Woodview Health Care in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bentz

Mrs. Bentz retired after many years in food services at St. Joseph Hospital. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

She graduated from Monmouth High School in 1936 and had been a resident of Fort Wayne since 1940.

She was born Dec. 18, 1916, in Willshire, Ohio, to G. Ray and Caroline (Kern) Harshman.

She married Edward T. Bentz in 1940. He died in November 1989.

Surviving are two sons, Donald E. Bentz of Auburn and Thomas R. Bentz of Fort Wayne; one sister, Helen Miller of Decatur; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur. Father Phillip A. Widmann will officiate. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery of Decatur.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, 225 W. Adams St., Decatur. An evening vigil service will begin at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. A prayer service will begin Friday at 12:20 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Peter Catholic Church of Fort Wayne.

Friends may sign a guest book at www.haggardandsefton.com.

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Maxine Wolf

PLEASANT LAKE — Maxine J. Wolf, 79, of Pleasant Lake died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wolf was born Dec. 21, 1924, in Pleasant Lake, to Ray and Inez (Anstett) Enfield. She was married to Dean W. Wolf on Aug. 28, 1942, and he survives.

She was a receptionist and cashier for Northern Indiana Public Service Co. for more than 25 years. She was a member of Evening Musicale, and was a longtime organist for several area churches. She was a pianist for the Pleasant Lake Lions Club Men's Chorus, and was a graduate of Pleasant Lake High School.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gordon D. and Nancy Wolf of Salt Lake City and Jeffrey and Deborah Wolf of Valparaiso; a sister, Phyllis Enfield of Pleasant Lake; four grandchildren, Kyle, Brook, Bradley and Christopher; and one great-grandchild, Ella Kathryn Wolf.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Leo Enfield.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake Lions Club or donor's choice.

Royce Yoder

FORT WAYNE — Royce R. Yoder, 49, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, in a traffic accident involving a deer in Noble County.

Mr. Yoder was a truck driver with Roadway Express for 28 years. He was a bus driver for Children's Ministries and worked in the nursery of the First Assembly of God.

Surviving are his wife, Lisa; a son, Jesse, at home; two daughters, Fairen, at home, and Sarah Renee Clark of Florida; brothers Ron Yoder of New Haven, Rick Yoder of North Webster, Randy Yoder of Monroeville and Roland Yoder of New Haven; a sister, Ranell Bradfield of Auburn; his mother and father-in-law, Blanche and Robert Tracy of Columbia City; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at noon Saturday at the First Assembly of God, 3301 E. Coliseum Blvd., with burial in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the nursery or Ignite Youth Group at the church.

D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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William 'Bill' Ross

STODDARD, Wisconsin — William "Bill" Ross, 83, of Stoddard passed away Sunday, October 24, 2004, in LaCross. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 2, 1921, to the late Franklin and Julia (Meldrum) Ross.

Mr. Ross is survived by his wife, Joan, of Stoddard; a daughter, Fonda (Harold) Rhea of Las Vegas; his grandchildren, Vincent Stefanelli of Merrillville, Indiana; and Nicole Stafanelli of Indianapolis.

Mr. Ross served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and completed tours of duty in Iceland and the South Pacific Theater.

He earned a business degree from Indiana University where he was a member of the Blue Key, an honorary national fraternity, and the Aeons, a student advisory board to the president of the university. He was proud of his role as a Board of Aeon liaison between Indiana University and the local merchants in the peaceful integration of all post-WWII students by the Bloomington business community.

During his career, he was in management of farm cooperatives in Indiana and Wisconsin, including a stint at the Noble County, Indiana Co-op.

While residing in Noble County, Ross was an active member of the Albion Rotary Club, serving as its president and in other offices. He completed over 30 years of perfect attendance in Rotary.

Mr. Ross was a Mason for over 50 years in the Indiana Grand Lodge. He was also a member of the Chasburg American Legion Post 202 and was involved in many other community organizations. He was a volunteer for V.O.C.A. (Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance) in Bulgaria, which led to enduring relationships.

Funeral services were held at St. Charles Church in Genoa, Wisconsin on October 28, 2004. Burial with military honors was held at Riverside Cemetery in rural Genoa.

Preferred memorials are to the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program at Franciscan Skemp Medical Center, 700 West Ave. South, LaCrosse, WI. 54601. C/O Cardiac Rehabilitation Program.

Ruth Remley

ALBION — Ruth Remley, 71, of Albion died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Elva Waldron

BRIMFIELD — Elva M. Waldron, 98, of Brimfield died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

She had retired Aug. 1, 1968, from McCray Refrigeration and Linton Industries in Kendallville.

She was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church where she had been organist for 60 years.

A lifetime Noble County resident, she was born July 11, 1906, to Edna S. and Lenna B. (Ziegler) Waldron.

Surviving are a brother, Raymond E. Waldron of Brimfield; and a sister, Mrs. Carl Braumbaugh of Illinois.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Karl S. Waldron.

Services were held Tuesday, November 9, 2004, at Brimfield United Methodist Church with the Rev. Maureen Mauzy officiating. Burial was in Orange Township Cemetery near Rome City.

Memorials are to Brimfield United Methodist Church.

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Dean Parker

WOLF LAKE — Dean Sittler Parker, 84, of Wolf Lake died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Parker was a lifetime farmer and had worked for International Harvester, J.I. Case and had retired in 1984 from American Hoist & Derrick.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident and a 1939 graduate of Wolf Lake High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp during World War II.

Mr. Parker enjoyed fishing, coon hunting and gardening.

He was born Oct. 26, 1920, in Wolf Lake to Warren E. and Hazel (Sittler) Parker. On April 15, 1944, in Decatur he married Iona Louise Schepp. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Pamela and Larry Earnhart of Cromwell and Debbie Weber of Wolf Lake; three grandchildren, Debbie Mehl of Wolf Lake, Kimberly Sidwell of Syracuse and Anthony Badoreck of Wolf Lake; and five great-grandchildren, Ryan Mehl, Brittany Mehl, Tyler Sidwell, Mackenzie Sidwell and Madeline Sidwell.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Wanda Kathleen Delongchamp.

Services were held Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial was in Merriam Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Karen Bakker

AUBURN — Karen S. "Kay" Bakker, 57, of Auburn died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Sims, Ill., she was an office manager for North American Moving & Storage for 25 years, retiring in 1990.

She was a member of the Allen County Cancer Society and the Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by her husband, Gary of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Angi and Ryan Deetz of Wolcottville; a stepdaughter and her husband, Brenda and Keith Cashman of Anderson, Calif.; a stepson, Keith Lemos of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Janet Buchanan of St. Ann, Mo.; a sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Ray Linder of Salem, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, 2301 N. Main St. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Wanda Ruth Harkless

LEESBURG, Fla. — Wanda Ruth (Ambrose) Harkless, 70, of Leesburg, died Tuesday, Nov., 2, 2004, at Leesburg.

A former resident of Auburn, she retired from Ambassador Steel in 1991 and moved to Leesburg.

She was born July 17, 1934, in Fort Wayne to Dennis and Ethel (Slater) Ambrose. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Donald W. Harkless in 1952, and he survives.

Also surviving are their four daughters and three sons-in-law, Cynthia and Gary Miller of North Charleston, S.C., Christine Harkless of Tavares, Fla., Kathleen and Robert Allmandinger of Butler and Kara and Fritz Krueger of Westfield; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, Keith Ambrose of Fort Wayne and Gene Ambrose of Columbia City, and one stepbrother, Rodney Knisely of Miami, Fla.

A memorial service was Saturday at Molokai Clubhouse in Leesburg.

An additional memorial service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Newville United Methodist Church on S.R. 8.

Memorials are to a hospice.

Margueritte Wilcoxson

GARRETT — Frances Marguerite "Maggie" Wilcoxson, 87, died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, at 12:50 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Mrs. Wilcoxson

Mrs. Wilcoxson retired from Electric Motors & Specialties in 1965 after 14 years of service. She attended Garrett United Methodist Church.

She had lived in Garrett since 1945, before moving to Avilla nine years ago.

Born Jan. 21, 1917, in Mount Vernon, Ill., she was the daughter of Burl and Myrtis (Piper) Brimm.

On April 20, 1935, in Albion, she married Ralph V. Wilcoxson. He died May 31, 1982.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Mary Wilcoxson of Auburn; two daughters, Sandra Wilcoxson of Fort Wayne and Peggy Steman of Leo; one sister, Nina Mowry of Placerville, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Ralph Wilcoxson, and a brother, Earl Brimm.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Tom Wilcoxson officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Allen County Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Irene Butler

LAGRANGE — Irene M. Butler, 109, of LaGrange and formerly of Orland died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Butler

Mrs. Butler was born in St. Ignace, Mich., on June 6, 1895, to Ira and Mary Jane (Michaud) DeLong. She was married to Monroe Butler, who preceded her in death in 1958.

She was a homemaker. She was the oldest of 10 children, and was a member of the Orland Congregational Church. She was a 75-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Ashley, and belonged to the Orland American Legion Auxiliary, Millgrove Township Extension Homemakers and the Rome City Red Hat Society.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Strawser of Rome City; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard "Dick" and Vi Butler of Springfield, Ohio; two daughters-in-law, Ruth Butler of South Bend and Joan Butler of Angola; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and several great- and great-great-stepgrandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two daughters, Jean Sanders and Mildred Ruth Stroh; two sons, Ralph Butler and James "Jim" Butler; and two great-grandsons.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Block Cemetery, Salem Center.

Memorials are to the Orland Congregational Church.

Margaret King

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. — Margaret L. King, 87, of Bourbonnais died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, Ill.

Mrs. King was the daughter of Clifford and Elsa (Woodruff) Rutherford. She was married to Glenn H. King on Sept. 14, 1938, in Fowler, and he preceded her in death.

She was retired from Texize Industry, and was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kankakee.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret "Peggy" Dilbone of Fremont; a sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Lee Behrends of Clifton, Ill.; a brother, David L. Rutherford of Evanston, Ill.; a granddaughter; two grandsons; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

Services will be at noon Indiana time Saturday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bournonnais, with the Rev. Frank Warthan officiating. Calling will be Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. Indiana time.

Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens in Kankakee.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Virginia Martin

BUTLER — Virginia Martin, 90, formerly of Matthews died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Martin was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Community Church and a former member of the Matthews Order of the Eastern Star and the Warner Gear Sympathy Club.

She graduated from Matthews High School in 1932. She enjoyed being a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 26, 1914, in Fairmount to Mark and Cleo (Littler) Richards. They preceded her in death.

She married John F. Martin in 1935. He died Oct. 21, 1981.

Surviving are a son, Mark Martin of Fairmount; a daughter, Margy Carter of Fairmount; six grandchildren, Lanore Craig and husband Jeff, Mark Owen and wife Cynthia, Renee Lilly and husband Kevin, Joel Carter and wife Stacey, Tony Martin and Brooks Martin and wife Nicole; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Roberta Rhoday.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Jones-Smith Funeral Home, 259 N. Main St., Upland, with the Rev. Joe Ruberg officiating. Burial will be in Matthews Cemetery.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Community Church, 131 W. Seventh St., Matthews.

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June Bassett

AUBURN — June E. Bassett, 86, of Auburn died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Bassett was a former employee of Auburn Rubber Co. She was a cafeteria worker at DeKalb High School for 19 years, retiring in 1981.

She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church and the Heimach Center Song Birds. She was a graduate of Auburn High School.

She was born Jan. 18, 1918, in Auburn to Artie H. and Gladys E. (Carper) Warstler. They preceded her in death.

She married Lloyd W. Bassett on Sept. 3, 1938, in Auburn. He died July 4, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Mary Bassett of Lafayette; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Dave Smith of Melbourne, Fla., Karen and Gene DuPont of Winslow, and Connie and Donn Starkey of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center, Auburn.

Rusty Parrish

ANGOLA — Rusty Parrish, 44, of Angola died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at St. Vincent Hospital in Carmel.

Mr. Parrish was born Aug. 31, 1960, to James "Jimmy" and Emily (Cope) Parrish.

He enjoyed playing cards and being with his family. He also enjoyed the County Club Group Home in Kendallville, which he thought of as his extended family. He was a graduate of Angola High School.

Surviving are three brothers and a sister-in-law, Rex and Teri Parrish of Fremont and Rick Parrish and Randy Parrish, both of Angola; two nieces, Jody Parrish and Doty Slone; and two nephews, Tom and Shayne Parrish.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Rodney Parrish.

No services are planned. Calling will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

Gene Kalb

FREMONT — Gene E. Kalb, 81, of Fremont and formerly of Goshen and Syracuse died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, at home.

Mr. Kalb was born Jan. 16, 1923, in Goshen, to Thaddeus Ford and Fay E. (Ehret) Kalb.

He was a retail merchant of footwear, and a life member of the Loyal Order of the Moose in Angola.

Surviving are a sister, Peggy Thomas of Sarasota, Fla.; and three nephews.

Graveside services will be at Violett Cemetery, Goshen, at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Memorials are to Salvation Army of Goshen.

ADVANCED LEADER

NOVEMBER 11 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

Dean Parker

WOLF LAKE — Dean Sittler Parker, 84, of Wolf Lake died at 12:18 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Parker

Mr. Parker was a lifetime farmer and had worked for International Harvester, I.J. Case and had retired in 1984 from American Hoist & Derrick.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident and a 1939 graduate of Wolf Lake High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

Mr. Parker enjoyed fishing, coon hunting and gardening.

He was born Oct. 26, 1920, in Wolf Lake to Warren E. and Hazel (Sittler) Parker. On April 15, 1944, in Decatur he married Iona Louise Schepp. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Pamela and Larry Earnhart of Cromwell and Debbie Weber of Wolf Lake; three grandchildren, Debbie Mehl of Wolf Lake, Kimberly Sidwell of Syracuse and Anthony Badoreck of Wolf Lake; and five great-grandchildren, Ryan Mehl, Brittany Mehl, Tyler Sidwell, Mackenzie Sidwell and Madeline Sidwell.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Wanda Kathleen Delongchamp.

Services were Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial was in Merriam Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Elva Waldron

BRIMFIELD — Elva M. Waldron, 98, of Brimfield died at 4:05 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Miss Waldron

She had retired Aug. 1, 1968, from McCray Refrigeration and Linton Industries in Kendallville.

She was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church where she had been organist for 60 years.

A lifetime Noble County resident, she was born July 11, 1906, to Edna S. and Lenna B. (Ziegler) Waldron.

Surviving are a brother, Raymond E. Waldron of Brimfield; and a sister, Mrs. Carl Braumbaugh of Illinois.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Karl S. Waldron.

Services were Tuesday at Brimfield United Methodist Church with the Rev. Maureen Mauzy officiating. Burial was in Orange Township Cemetery near Rome City.

Memorials are to Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Mary Peters

ANGOLA — Mary K. Peters, 95, of Angola died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Peters was born Dec. 21, 1908, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to Peter George and Addie (Olinger) Kandel. She was married to Harold Peters, who preceded her in death on July 1, 1984.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, the Women's Society of the Calvary Lutheran Church, and the Steuben County Women's Club. She was matron of the Steuben County Rest Home for 10 years. She was a graduate of Butler High School.

Surviving are two nephews and their spouses, Herbert Kandel of Auburn and George and Gwyn Kandel of Butler; and three nieces, Kathryn Hall of Fort Wayne, Lila Jean McConnell of Ligonier and Barbara Mathues of Canton, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Howard Kandel, and a sister, Grace Reinhart.

Services were Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Burial was in Butler Cemetery, Butler.

Memorials are to the Annuities Fund of Calvary Lutheran Church.

ADVANCED LEADER

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Lloyd Christner

ELKHART — Lloyd Wayne Christner, 45, of Elkhart died at 9:25 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital of natural causes.

Mr. Christner was a corrections officer at the Westville Correctional Facility.

He enjoyed fishing, playing chess, cards and board games.

He was born Jan. 7, 1959, in LaGrange County to Menno L. and Eva Lee (Kennedy) Christner.

Surviving are two sons, William and Jacob Christner of LaPorte; a sister, Caroline Minier of Ligonier; a brother, Rick Christner of Elkhart; and a grandson, Owen Christner of LaPorte.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Timothy Christner.

Services were last week at Pine Lake Cemetery.

Man dies after truck hits deer

AVILLA — A deer was struck and thrown through the windshield of a semi Monday, killing the driver.

Royce Yoder, 49, of the 6300 block of Birchdale Avenue, Fort Wayne, was eastbound in his 2001 Mack semi truck on S.R. 8 at 5:57 p.m. When he was just west of the DeKalb County line, near the intersection with Lash Road, a deer entered the roadway.

From the evidence at the scene of the crash, it appears the impact of the semi's grill with the deer threw the animal up and through the semi's front window on the driver's side, striking and killing Yoder, according to Noble County Coroner John Brazzell and a press release from the Noble County Sheriff's Department. The deer then was ejected out the rear window.

The only witness to the crash was traveling behind Yoder's Mack truck and was not able to see the deer until it exited the truck.

Eva Metzger

KIMMELL — Eva Almira Metzger, 92, of Kimmell died at 10:35 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Metzger was a dedicated homemaker and farm wife. She and her husband operated a farm in Noble County for 26 years. From 1961 they lived in Columbia City. Mrs. Metzger later moved back to the Noble County farm.

She will be remembered for her positive, cheerful attitude and concern she showed for others.

Mrs. Metzger was a member of New Life Baptist Church of Wabash.

She was born Sept. 17, 1912, in Whitley County to William R. and Lillie Bennett Mohn. She graduated from Larwill High School in 1930. On Oct. 25, 1930, she married John Manastus Metzger. He died July 7, 1993.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Janice Adair of Logansport, Marilee and Don Kreider of Columbia City and Sandy Denton of Ligonier; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Mary Metzger of Kimmell and Randy and Gail Metzger of North Manchester; 19 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Nancy Lee; two sisters, Ina Westlake and Edna Evard; and two sons-in-law, Kay Adair and Harold Denton.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Steve Parks of New Life Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Larwill.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Life Baptist Church of Wabash or to the donor's choice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with corrected information about a surviving relative.*

Jacqueline Link

AUBURN — Jacqueline C. Link, 42, of Auburn died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, in her home.

Born in Auburn, she worked at Regency Place Nursing Home for three years and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are her parents, Eugene and Shirley Link of Auburn; a sister, Val Lesh of Chicago; and her maternal grandmother, Rozella Alwood of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Floyd and Orphelia Link and Guy Alwood.

Services were today at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dillard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to the Northeastern Center, 1850 Wesley Road, Auburn, or the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Ora Miller

Mr. Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Ora N. Miller, 94, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury died at 8:23 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital where he had been a patient two days.

Mr. Miller had been a resident of America Living Center the past nine months and had lived in Middlebury since 1940.

He had worked at Weyerhaeuser Co. for 17 years and for Rupps' Hatcheries in Middlebury for several years.

Mr. Miller was a member of First Mennonite Church. He enjoyed making hooked rugs and assembling puzzles. He will be remembered for his flower gardens.

He was born Dec. 16, 1909, near Goshen to Noah J. L. and Mattie (Miller) Miller. On June 25, 1932, in Goshen he married Barbara Schwartz. She died Oct. 31, 2001.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard E. and Lois (Brenneman) Miller of Middlebury and Marvin J. and Ruth (Eash) Miller of Goshen; a sister and brother-in-law, Amanda and Allen Grader of Middlebury; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were three sisters, Fannie Miller, Anna Miller and Ida Miller, and five brothers, Harvey, Menno, Levi, Amos and Noah Miller.

Services at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linford Martin and the Rev. Pamela Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to First Mennonite Church.

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Marilyn Higgins

SHIPSHEWANA — Marilyn Elizabeth (Lowe) Higgins, 54, of Shipshewana died at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004, at her home following an eight-year battle with cancer.

Mrs. Higgins

Mrs. Higgins had lived in Shipshewana since 1985. She drove a school bus for Elkhart and Middlebury school systems. She had served as secretary for the International Colored Appaloosa Association.

She was a member of Scott United Methodist Church since 1987 and was chairman of the Worship Committee. She was a member of the Red Hat Society.

Mrs. Higgins was born July 25, 1950, in Elkhart to Jack and Elnore (Good) Barnes. Her mother is deceased and her father and stepmother, Jack and Jacqueline Barnes, survive in Tennessee. On June 30, 1984, in Elkhart she married David Higgins. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Christian (Lowe) and Fred Wagner of Constantine, Mich.; a son, Jeff Lowe of Shipshewana; a sister, Carolyn Zwierzinski of Las Vegas, Nev.; two stepsisters and their husbands, Tonia D. and Kevin Koscher of Bristol and Tammy and Richard Lough of Shipshewana; a stepbrother and his wife, David II and Cindy Higgins of Shipshewana; three grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, David Lee Barnes, in 1994.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Scott United Methodist Church in Shipshewana with the Rev. Nancy Richmond officiating. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-5 Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information about surviving relatives.*

Margueritte Wilcoxson

GARRETT — Frances Margueritte "Maggie" Wilcoxson, 87, died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, at 12:50 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Mrs. Wilcoxson

Mrs. Wilcoxson retired from Electric Motors & Specialties in 1965 after 14 years of service. She attended Garrett United Methodist Church.

She had lived in Garrett since 1945, before moving to Avilla nine years ago.

Born Jan. 21, 1917, in Mount Vernon, Ill., she was the daughter of Burl and Myrtis (Piper) Brimm.

On April 20, 1935, in Albion, she married Ralph V. Wilcoxson. He died May 31, 1982.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Mary Wilcoxson of Auburn; two daughters, Sandra Wilcoxson of Fort Wayne and Peggy Stemen of Leo; one sister, Nina Mowry of Placerville, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Ralph Wilcoxson, and a brother, Earl Brimm.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Tom Wilcoxson officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling will be today from 5 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Allen County Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Richard Yoder

SARASOTA, Fla. — Richard D. Yoder, 58, of Shipshewana died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004, in Sarasota, Fla.

Born on Jan. 2, 1946, in LaGrange County to Alvin and Mary Ann Yoder, he had worked at Jayco in Middlebury. He was a member of Middlebury Church of the Brethren and enjoyed golfing and bowling.

Surviving are his mother, one daughter and one son-in-law, Althea and John Hochstetler of Shipshewana; five sons and four daughters-in-law, LaMar and Patty Yoder of Sarasota, Fla., Leon and Angela Yoder of Howe, Dean and Anna Yoder of Wolcottville, Dale and Lynn Yoder of Rome City, and Kenny Yoder of Sarasota, Fla.; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Irma and Raymond Miller of Goshen, Catherine and Marvin Schrock of Wolcottville, Mary and Henry Graber of LaGrange, Wilma and Neal Graber of LaGrange, and Phyllis and Mervin Yoder of Topeka; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Wilbur and Barbara Yoder of Topeka, Perry and Amanda Yoder of Topeka, Levi and Pauline Yoder of Millersburg, Vernon and Cindy Yoder of Wolcottville, and Olen Yoder of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alvin Yoder, in 1988, and two brothers, Orval Yoder in 1998 and Virgil Yoder in 2002.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Middlebury Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Dan Petry and the Rev. Russell Jensen officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Reba Martin

AVILLA — Reba I. Martin, 95, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Born Jan. 2, 1909, in Oakwood, Ohio, she was the daughter of Joseph S. and Eva (Mahan) Brown. They preceded her in death.

She had worked as a clerk with Wolf and Dessauer department store in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Third Street United Brethren in Christ Church and Ladies Auxiliary of Railroad Trainmen Lodge 436.

Surviving are a son, Donald Miller of Wolcottville; a daughter, Eva Keuneke of Grandin, Mo.; and a stepson, Richard M. Meese of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Henry R. Martin, and three brothers.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Tom Novy officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Carole Lieberenz

KENDALLVILLE — Carole Anne Lieberenz, 61, of Kendallville, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lieberenz was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and enjoyed her grandchildren, sewing and especially fishing.

Mrs. Lieberenz

She was born Jan. 5, 1943, in Decatur to Victor and Agnes (Spangler) Kable. They preceded her in death.

On July 26, 1991, in Kendallville, she married Richard Lee Lieberenz Sr. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three children and their spouses, Sandra and Robert Kelly of Groton, Mass., Edward and Michelle Schultz of Wells, Minn., and Catherine Schultz of Newport News, Va.; four stepchildren and their spouses, Elhanan and Paula Ritchie of Kendallville, Edward Ritchie of Kendallville, Ruth and Shawn Powell of Antwerp, Ohio, and Richard and Lisa Lieberenz Jr. of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; three brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Judy Kable of Decatur, Daniel and Coleen Kable of Monroe and Michael and Patricia Kable of Decatur; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Mike Baker of Decatur and Martha and John Kohne of Hoagland.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Patricia Balliet and Jean Henkenius and a brother, John Kable.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling will be today from 4-7 p.m. and Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. A rosary service will be Monday at 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Relay for Life Organization, St. Joseph Hospital or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com

Kevin McLain

ANGOLA — Kevin Landon McLain was stillborn Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Surviving are his mother, Karoline Michelle McLain of Angola; his father, Allen Scott Vierling of Angola; two sisters, Shayna Vierling and Sydney McLain, both of Angola; two brothers, Spencer Ellis and Holden Vierling, both of Angola; two aunts and an uncle, Kim and Eric Culler of Allegan, Mich., and Ginnifer Vierling of Angola; and two uncles, Ty McLain of Fort Wayne and Tim Vierling of Angola.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Kevin Nelson McLain, in 1982.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Cemetery in Salem Township, Steuben County.

There will be no calling.

Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, is handling the arrangements.

Ronald Elliott

FREMONT — Ronald E. Elliott, 82, of Fremont died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Elliott was a farmer and a machinist. He had a passion for restoring antique farm tractors. In later years, he pastored in nursing homes and played the harmonica at various local churches.

He was born Nov. 22, 1921, in Ray to Earl R. and Ival B. (Throop) Elliott.

On Aug. 1, 1943, he married Irene (Sowle) Elliott. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald L. and Bobbi Elliott of Waterloo, Frank R. and Marlene Elliott of Dahlgren, Ill., and Alan F. and Shelley Elliott of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia M. and Terry Gleason of Angola; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and a sister-in-law, Betty Elliott of Angola.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, John Elliott; and two sisters, Arlene Clifford and Kathleen Shumaker.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Teeters Cemetery in Fremont. The Rev. John Elliott and the Rev. Earl Armstrong will officiate.

There will be no calling.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be donated to Irene Elliott, care of Beams Funeral Home, P.O. Box 5, Fremont, IN 46737.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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Mrs. Wolf loved her music, family

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PLEASANT LAKE — Dean Wolf married his wife, Maxine, when he was 19 and she was 17.

"I remember very clearly the minister who married us said, 'Well, you'll grow up together,'" Dean said.

"And we sure did. For 62 years."

Mrs. Wolf died Monday after sustaining injuries in a fall the day before. She was 79.

Dean Wolf met Maxine Anstett when the two were children in Pleasant Lake.

"We grew up together here in town," Dean remembered. "We didn't date while we were in school, though."

The couple were married on Aug. 28, 1942. Dean joined the Army the following February, and Maxine moved with him to San Francisco, where Dean was stationed for nine months. Maxine went home to Pleasant Lake for a time while Dean went overseas, and when he returned, they started their family. The couple raised two sons, Gordon and Jeff.

That family grew over the years to include four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Two years ago, the Wolfs took all their children and grandchildren — a group of a dozen people — to Las Vegas to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

"She liked it there," Dean said with a smile. "We both did. That wasn't our first time there."

Mrs. Wolf was a familiar face on the local music scene. An accomplished organist and pianist, she often played at area churches and had played the piano for the Pleasant Lake Lions Club for about 40 years.

"I guess if I'd want people to remember anything about her, it would be her love of music," Mrs. Wolf's son Jeff said.

Mrs. Wolf's daughter-in-law Nancy said when she and Gordon got married, her mother and father-in-law were warm and welcoming.

"I lived with Dean and Maxine for a couple of years, and they made me feel like I was one of their own," she said. "I also remember some really good parties they allowed us to have ... of course, that was before the grandkids were here."

Grandson Kyle, who grew up in Florida, remembered spending summers in Pleasant Lake with his grandmother. Maxine was also a lover of animals, and there were always cats and dogs in residence at the Wolf house.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

This photograph of Maxine Wolf and her great-granddaughter, Ella, was taken a few weeks ago.

"There were just as many pictures of them around as there were of the family," said granddaughter Brooke.

Dean said the reason he and Maxine were married for so long was probably because they always remained good friends.

"You have your ups and downs in a marriage; you always do," he said softly. "But we enjoyed the same things. We lived together in this same house ever since I got back from the service. We went to musical programs. We traveled some. We enjoyed each other's company."

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Cluster Simmons

Mr. Simmons

KENDALLVILLE — Cluster Simmons, 92, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where he had resided since July 2002.

Mr. Simmons was formerly of New Tazewell, Tenn., and moved to this area in 1999 to be closer to his daughter, Wanda Holton of Kendallville.

He was a tobacco and dairy farmer in Tennessee his entire life. He was charter member and deacon of Missionary Baptist Church in New Tazewell, and attended Harbor of Love Baptist Church while he lived in the Kendallville area.

Mr. Simmons' love of the Holy Scriptures began in his early years and continued throughout his entire life. As a young boy, his ministry was song leader in his home church and that same lifelong singing ministry continued at Sacred Heart Home with the nursing staff.

He was born Jan. 4, 1912, in New Tazewell, to Zee and Sarah (Hurst) Simmons. They preceded him in death.

On Jan. 4, 1931, in New Tazewell, he married Lillie Mae Ford. She died May 2, 1989.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Wanda Holton of Kendallville, and Irene and John Ford of Wolverine, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Brenda Simmons of Virginia Beach, Va.; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Dr. Michael and Judy Holton of Kendallville, Kendall and Beverly Ford of Michigan, Cary and Mary Ford of Michigan, Marvin and Carrie Simmons of Tennessee, Shelia and Mike Weaver of Maryland, Greg and Tina Simmons of Virginia, and Rhonda and David Johnson of North Carolina; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Hallie Wilcox and Ollie Meyers, both of New Tazewell; and a host of friends and caregivers at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his son, the Rev. Hollis Simmons in 1998; a grandson, Randall Fay Ford; two brothers, Frank Simmons and Oatis Simmons; and three sisters, Nellie Kelly, P.L. Good and Cleo Davis.

Services were Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Pastor Ernie Miller officiated.

Services also will be Monday at 8 p.m. at Coffey Funeral Home in New Tazewell with Pastor Marvin Ford officiating.

Graveside services and burial will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Fairview Cemetery in Tazewell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to ChristCare Free Clinic.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Linda Sattison

HAMILTON — Linda Lou (Shuff) Sattison, 62, of Hamilton died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at the Laurels in Butler.

Mrs. Sattison was the former owner and operator of Rio Bar and Grill in Hamilton. She retired in 1999. She was a former member of Psi Rho Sorority, and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

She was born May 17, 1942, in DeKalb County to Harry E. and Lula (Lutz) Shuff. They preceded her in death.

On Nov. 22, 1975, in Hamilton, she married Clayton Sattison Jr. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Debbie Millay of Hamilton; a son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Karen Baker of Hamilton; brothers Chalmer Shuff of Phoenix, Ariz., James Shuff of Garrett, William Shuff of Fontana, Calif.; sisters, Jackie Walker, Joan Mills, Janice Witte, Faye Ells and Roseann Kinsey of St. Joe, Claudia Hulbert of Auburn, Shirley Chapman of Butler, Kate Clady and Mary Jane Snook of Garrett; grandchildren, Angela and Nathanial Wells of Hamilton, Clayton Millay of Hamilton, Lindsay Millay of Angola and Ashlee Baker of Hamilton, great-granddaughters Jenna Millay and Laila Fuller.

She also was preceded in death by four brothers, Franklin, Harry Jr., Robert and Maurice Shuff; and a sister, Kaye Ells.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Al Black will officiate.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Friends of the Fox, Head Injury Support Group of Indianapolis.

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Charles Hastreiter

MISSOURI CITY, Texas — Charles A. "Charlie" Hastreiter, CEC, AAC, 48, of Missouri City, Texas, unexpectedly died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004.

As a young man, Mr. Hastreiter began his career in the culinary field as an apprentice chef. He worked as an executive chef for Hyatt Hotels, Club Corp. of American and American Airlines Sky Chefs before joining Sysco Corp. in Houston, Texas, in 1988 as a marketing manager.

Mr. Hastreiter was elected assistant vice president of merchandising in 2001, and was a member of the American Culinary Federation (ACF), the American Academy of Chefs (AAC), and the Chaine des Rotisseurs.

He was born Aug. 11, 1956, in Angola to John F. "Jack" and Carolyn Stenner Hastreiter. His mother survives in Angola.

Also surviving are his wife of 17 years, Joan; a son, Cameron; a daughter, Julianna; brothers and sisters-in-law, David Hastreiter of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Mike and Rhonda of Fort Myers, Fla., Steve and Sabra Hastreiter of Marion, and John and Mary Hastreiter of Fort Wayne; sisters, Brenda Belford of Huntington, Belinda Pritchard, Karla Leach and Karena Moyer, all of Fort Wayne; a stepmother, Shelba Hastreiter of Woodburn; a grandmother, Loretta Hastreiter of Rome City; a mother-in-law and father-in-law, Arlene and Gene Ranney of Sarasota, Fla.; uncles, Don Hastreiter of St. Mary's, Ohio; Joe and Linda Hastreiter of Milwaukee, Wis., and Jim Hastreiter of Minneapolis, Minn.; aunts, Sister Joanna Hastreiter of Rome City; Carol and Tom Hoffelder of Minneapolis, Sue and Jeff Hughes of Minneapolis, and Jane and Don Farrelly of Detroit, Mich., as well as many extended family members, friends and associates.

Services were Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Laurence Catholic Parish in Sugar Land, Texas, with the Rev. Philip P. Lloyd, officiating.

Dorothy Cox

PLEASANT LAKE — Dorothy G. Cox, 92, of Pleasant Lake, died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Cox had worked in housekeeping at the Holiday House. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church.

She was born Oct. 5, 1912, in Fayette, Ohio, to Charles and Nettie (Cutshaw) Day.

In 1955, she married Harold W. Cox. He died Sept. 15, 1971.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Landis of Fort Wayne and Michael Cox of Angola; a daughter, Betty Jones of Pleasant Lake; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and a good friend, Susan Runion of South Carolina.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Floyd Day; and a sister, Rhea Lowther.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Pastor J. Arnold Fair will officiate.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Betty Smith

HUNTERTOWN — Betty "BJ" Woods McBride Smith, 68, of Huntertown died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne with her family by her side.

Mrs. Smith was retired from Three Rivers Title Co. as a closing coordinator. She was a past president of Allen County Loan Closers Association, a charter member of Dream Weavers Basket Guild and a member of the Red Hat Society.

She was born Dec. 1, 1935, in Fort Wayne to Roy E. and Goldie Woods. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Lewis F. Smith; a son, Don M. McBride Jr. of Albion; a daughter, Deborah Faurote of Auburn; a sister, Ruth Lengacher of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and several neices and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald M. McBride, a great-grandson, Alexander McBride; a brother, Eddie Woods; and a sister, Helen Lude.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Monday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospital Oncology.

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Margaret Straehly

THREE RIVERS, Mich. — Margaret L. Straehly, 93, of Three Rivers, Mich., died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home in Three Rivers.

Mrs. Straehly lived most of her life in LaGrange. She had worked as a cook and waitress at a truck stop in LaGrange. She also had worked at Denton Mills in Centreville, Mich. In later year, she was a homemaker.

She was a Catholic and attended Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sturgis, Mich.

She was born Nov. 6, 1911, in LaGrange to John and Ida Ellen (Young) Springer.

On Nov. 19, 1970, in Sturgis, Mich., she married Ralph D. Straehly.

Surviving are a son, Donald Garver of Kendallville; a daughter, Mary L. Johnloz of Sturgis, Mich.; two grandchildren, Vicki Sue Yaeger of Bristol and Rose Ann Tullos of White Pigeon, Mich.; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

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3 crash victims identified

All 4 were from Elkhart County

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KIMMELL — Three of the four victims of Saturday morning's fatal accident on U.S. 33 have been identified using dental records.

According to Noble County Coroner John Brazzell, all four were Elkhart County men in their early 20s. The front seat passenger was Joshua Richards, 23, and the backseat passengers were Joel Bresler, 21, and Kevin Yoder, no age given. Brazzell said he expects to know the driver's identity later today.

The four men were killed Saturday at 3:45 a.m. in a one-car wreck six miles south of Ligonier on U.S. 33, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department. They were on their way home from Piere's, a Fort Wayne nightclub, Brazzell said.

A 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee was traveling northbound on U.S. 33 when it left the roadway on a curve, police said. The vehicle continued in the ditch for 421 feet before striking a tree head-on, the sheriff's report said.

Upon impact, the vehicle burst into flames, and all of the occupants were burned beyond recognition. The Jeep's license plate also was damaged beyond identification, according to Brazzell.

IDENTIFIED: *Autopsy results to determine cause of death*

Autopsies were performed Saturday at St. Joseph's Hospital, Fort Wayne, on all four victims, Brazzell said.

Brazzell said he believes that the two men in the front seat died upon impact due to massive blunt force trauma. The men in the back seat were likely knocked unconscious upon impact and died shortly afterward due to either internal injuries or smoke inhalation, according to Brazzell.

When the full autopsy report is in, the toxicology report will show if any of the passengers had excess amounts of carbon monoxide in their blood, indicating death due to smoke inhalation, Brazzell said.

For now, Brazzell said he will fill out the victims' death certificates with cause of death listed as massive blunt force trauma due to an accident. He will adjust them later if it is necessary, Brazzell said.

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Woman dies in car-train collision

GOSHEN — A Goshen woman died after the minivan she was driving collided with a train Sunday morning in Goshen.

Michele Foster was pronounced dead at the scene.

She was a native of Ligonier and a graduate of West Noble High School with many family members and friends n Noble County.

Goshen police, fire and EMS rescue crews were called to a railroad crossing n the 1000 block of East Monroe Street round 6:30 Sunday morning.

Foster's van was hit when she began o enter the Norfolk Southern railroad rossing and collided with a northbound reight train at 6:27 a.m., according to Goshen police.

Rescue crews found her minivan odged in the 14th rail car back from the ngine, about a quarter-mile northwest f the railroad crossing, and police earched the area and determined she as the only occupant.

Dr. Jeff Landrum, Elkhart County oroner, said Foster died instantly at the cene from blunt force injuries.

Landrum said he will rule the death n accident but it remains under investiation by Goshen police and railroad ficials.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in gonier is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Chivington

CROMWELL — Robert E. "Bob" Chivington, 69, of Cromwell died at 1:25 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, at home.

Mr. Chivington

Mr. Chivington was a retired maintenance supervisor for Ward Aluminum Foundry of Fort Wayne. He was a member of Ligonier American Legion Post 243, having served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1964. He enjoyed building things.

He was born Aug. 20, 1935, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Eugene and Mary Elizabeth (Richard) Chivington. On Feb. 20, 1954, in Fort Wayne, he married Ruth Ann Lee, who survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Kent Krause of Cromwell; a son, Timothy Chivington of Cromwell; three brothers, Joseph and David Chivington, both of Cromwell, and Edward Chivington of North Webster; two sisters, Ruth Neal of Cromwell and Karen Martens of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; five stepgranchildren; a great-grandchild; five stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Dennis A. Beckner officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be at the funeral home from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday and from 2:30 p.m. until services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Animal Clinic.

Phyllis Butts

CHURUBUSCO — Phyllis C. Butts, 84, of rural Churubusco died at 10:03 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, in Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

Mrs. Butts

The lifetime Churubusco resident was a homemaker and a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church.

On April 10, 1920, in Green Township, she was born to Chauncey and Virgie (DeHoff) McCoy. On Sept. 30, 1995, she married Robert E. Butts. He survives.

She graduated from Huntertown High School in 1938.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ruth and Thomas Motter of Fort Wayne, and Norma and Jack Griebel of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and LaVera McCoy of Avilla; three stepchildren; a stepgranddaughter; two stepgreat-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard McCoy; her first husband, John Fulk, in 1975; and her second husband, Charles Macy, in 1987.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Whitley or Noble County Cancer Society or Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at: sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

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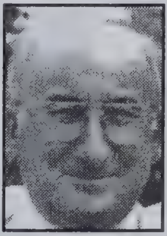
Franklin Murray

GOSHEN — Franklin Leroy Murray, 80, of Goshen died at 9:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart.



Mr. Murray

He had lived in the Goshen area since 1989, moving from Lockport, N.Y.

On April 7, 1924, in Gasport, N.Y., he was born to Elmer and Lydia (Hooley) Murray. She married Vivian J. Landis on June 15, 1948, in Alpha, Minn. She survives.

Mr. Murray worked as a machine repairman for the General Motors plant in Lockport, N.Y., for over 40 years.

He was a member of Goshen College Mennonite Church, and enjoyed volunteering at Greencroft.

He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter and son-in-law, Colleen K. and Stephen Sanders of Penfield, N.Y.; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Bonnie Murray of Warners, N.Y.; a son and his partner, Paul Murray and Marcus Vonkeller of Ephrata, Pa.; four sisters and five brothers-in-law, Grace and Burl Nelson of LaGrange, Blanch and Ralph Hartzler of Goshen, Doris and Glendon Klingelsmith of Sarasota, Fla., Shirley and Floyd Miller of Corfu, N.Y., and Chris Troyer of Goshen; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Joseph and Eunice Murray of Tavares, Fla., John and Marylin Murray of Kouts, and Paul and Dora Murray of Alexander, N.Y.; and a granddaughter, Kate Sanders.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Gerald and Elmer Murray; four sisters, Joella Troyer, Gladys Peebles, Ruth Mawhinney and Orpha Miller; and his parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Goshen College Mennonite Church, Goshen, with the Revs. Firman Gingerich and Edward Diener, both of the church, officiating.

Calling will be from 10 to 11 a.m.. Saturday at the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to include additional survivors.*

Kevin McLain

ANGOLA — Kevin Landon McLain was stillborn Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004, in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

He was born to Allen Scott Vierling and Karoline Michelle McLain. They survive.

Surviving in addition to his parents are two sisters, Shayna Vierling and Sydney McLain, both of Angola; two brothers, Spencer Ellis and Holden Vierling, both of Angola; two aunts, Kim Culler and her husband, Eric, of Allegan, Mich., and Ginnifer Vierling of Angola; two uncles, Ty McLain of Fort Wayne, and Tim Vierling of Angola; and grandparents, Bob and Robbie Milleman of Hudson and Paul and LaDonna Vierling of Angola.

A grandfather, Kevin Nelson McLain, preceded him in death in 1982.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. today at Trinity Cemetery, Salem Township, Steuben County.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Howard Weber

ARCHBOLD, Ohio — Howard G. Weber, 90, of Archbold, Ohio, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at Fairlawn Haven Nursing Home in Archbold.

Before his retirement, he was a carpenter for many years. He owned Weber's Bakery in Liberty Center from 1947 to 1949. He was a former member of Gideons International.

He was born March 18, 1914, in Fulton County, Ohio, to George and Inez (Wyse) Weber.

On Feb. 17, 1937, he married Elma Goldsmith Henderson. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, George and Hazel Weber of Kissimmee, Fla., and Harold and Bonnie Weber of Wauseon, Ohio; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dorothy and Tom Jones of Sherwood, Ohio, Lois Costa of Auburn and Mary Lou and Charles Hagen of Holgate, Ohio; 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary and Harry Bockelman of Napoleon, Ohio, and Helen Miller of Archbold; and one brother and a sister-in-law, Clyde and Kris Weber of Wauseon.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Gerald, and a brother, Lowell.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Zion Cemetery, C.R. 11, Wauseon. Pastor Wayne Goldsmith will officiate. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at the Edgar-Grisier Funeral Home in Wauseon.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Vera Shepherd

HUDSON — Vera B. (Mabis) Shepherd, 82, died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, at her daughter's residence in Wolcottville. She was a resident of Hudson and a former resident of Stroh.

On July 11, 1922, in Antwerp, Ohio, she was born to Harry and Emma (Baumert) Mabis. She married Henry L. Shepherd Jr. on Sept. 20, 1952, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death in May 1995.

She had been a secretary for Jacques Seed Co. in Flora for several years, and graduated from International Business College.

Mrs. Shepherd was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church E.L.C.A. in Angola where she was a member of Martha's Circle and had previously served on the church board. She was a nember and past president of he Parkview Noble Ladies Auxiliary, and volunteered at the Prairie Heights Community Schools elementary and middle schools.

Surviving are three sons, Gaylord Shepherd of Bloomington, Dennis Shepherd of Tomah, Wis., and John Shepherd of Dumfries, Va.; a daughter, Susan Beiswanger Mertz of Wolcottville; a brother, Ronald Mabis of Lafayette; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, two brothers, Alton and Russell Mabis, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Amy Beitelschees-Albers officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Calvary Lutheran Church E.L.C.A., 1301 William St., Angola, IN 46703, or South Milford Church of Christ, P.O. Box 146, South Milford, IN 46786.

Mary Rucoi

FORT WAYNE — Mary Rucoi, 83, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004.

Mrs. Rucoi was a homemaker and volunteer, helping at hospitals and her church. She was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

She was born June 17, 1921, in Garrett to Nicholas and Anna Tansea Denes.

Surviving are two daughters; a son; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Millard Rucoi; her parents; two sons; and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

Callings will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at C. M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., with a rosary service at 6 p.m., and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Hugh Wood

HOWE — Hugh A. Wood, 76, of Howe died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, at his residence.

On Dec. 15, 1927, in Mongo, he was born to John Russell and Margaret (Kelly) Wood. He married Betty L. Yeager on Nov. 19, 1971, in LaGrange. She survives.

The lifetime LaGrange County resident worked at Dometic Corp. in LaGrange for 28 years as an electrician before retiring in 1991.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps World War II veteran and a veteran of the U.S. Merchant Marine.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two daughters and a son-in-law, Laura Pitt of Indianapolis and Mary and Kevin Turner of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Barbara Wood of LaGrange and David and Rebecca Wood of Bronson, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Eleanor and Otis Lash of Angola; a stepdaughter, Karen Wittrig of Goshen; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Beverly Wood, on March 10, 1994, a grandson, Thomas Hugh Wood, in 1990, and his parents.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Don Matteson officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are Pleasant Hill Missionary Church, Bronson, Mich.

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Olive West

MERRIMAC, Mass. — Olive E. (Sullivan) West, 83, of Merrimac, Mass., died Friday morning, Nov. 12, 2004, at Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Mass.

She was the wife of the late Clifford H. West, Auburn's chief of police, at the time of his death in 1962.

Mrs. West and her family lived in Auburn for more than 20 years, before moving to Merrimac after the death of her husband.

A graduate of the former Merrimac High School, she also graduated from business college. She ran the lunch program at Pentucket Regional High School as well as the junior high school.

In recent years, she was director of the Council on Aging in West Newbury, Mass., and had been actively involved with the Meals on Wheels program. She was a longtime member of the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Merrimac.

She was born May 21, 1921, in Newburyport, Mass., the daughter of the late Ralph and Marion (Sargent) Sullivan.

Surviving are two children, Jonathan West of Auburn and Abigail Cyr of Merrimac; a stepson, Clifford H. Murray of Phoenix; five grandchildren, Amy Marchand and Robert Wesson, both of Dracut, Mass., Michael Marchand of Portsmouth, N.H., and Jesse West and Kenny Knight, both of Merrimac; two great-grandchildren, Paige Annis and Frankie Trzcienski, both of Dracut; one sister, Barbara Hatfield of Churchill, W.Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jennifer Magee, who died in 1996.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Pilgrim Congregational Church in Merrimac. Interment will be in Locust Grove Cemetery in Merrimac.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in Paul C. Rogers & Sons Family Funeral Home, 36 W. Main St., Merrimac.

Memorials are to the Council on Aging, 381 Main St., West Newbury, MA 01985.

Helen Castetter

LIGONIER — Helen S. Castetter, 91, of Ligonier died at 12:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, in Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Mrs. Castetter

In Benton, Ind., on Oct. 24, 1913, she was born to Edward and Pearl (Wilkinson) Tice. She married Donald "Doc" Castetter on Jan. 22, 1938, in Wawaka. He preceded her in death on April 4, 1978.

She was an elementary teacher and retired in 1971.

Mrs. Castetter was a member of Wawaka Church of the Brethren, active in 4-H, and belonged to the Noble County Retired Teachers Association and the Indiana State Teachers Association. She wintered in Florida and enjoyed quilting, gardening, ponies and cards.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were two brothers, Hugh and Willis Tice, and two sisters, Carrie and Wilma.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Wawaka Church of the Brethren with Rev. Verne Leininger officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, and Tuesday 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Wawaka Church of the Brethren or donor's choice.

Glenn Parsell

PLEASANT LAKE — Glenn C. Parsell, 89, of rural Pleasant Lake died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004.

Mr. Parsell was born in Hamilton on Feb. 27, 1915, to Daniel W. and Ruth (Conrad) Parsell Curry. He married Princess M. Kline on Dec. 1, 1934, and she preceded him in death on May 29, 1972.

He was a former farmer, truck driver and mechanic.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen and Chris Cretsinger and Karen and Randel Mills, all of Pleasant Lake; Glenda and James McClellan of Ashley and Marilyn and James McClellan of Hudson; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Ellen Parsell of Martinsville; a daughter-in-law, Margaret Parsell of Waterloo; a sister-in-law, Caroline Barkey of Elkhart; a stepson, David Shively of Bulls Gap, Tenn.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Willa Forrest and Pauline and Harold Curry, all of Waterloo; 20 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, John Richard Parsell in 2003 and Kenneth D. Parsell in 2001; and a brother, Ralph C. Parsell in 1937.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Thursday at Fairfield Cemetery, with the Rev. Timothy M. Dougherty officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Chris Cretsinger family.

Arrangements are being handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Jesse Handshoe

ANGOLA — Jesse Handshoe, 45, of Angola died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Angola.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF NOBLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMEN

The driver of this SUV which hit a tree and burst into flames early Saturday morning on U.S. 33, killing four, was identified Monday as Rueben Escobedo, a resident of Elkhart, by Noble County Coroner John Brazzell.

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Final crash victim ID'd

BY MEGAN HOCKLEY
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KIMMELL — The identity of the driver in a one-vehicle crash that killed four people Saturday morning has been determined to be Rueben Escobedo, a resident of Elkhart.

Escobedo was the last of the four victims to be identified using dental records, according to Noble County Coroner John Brazzell, who previously announced the names of the other three victims: front seat passenger Joshua Richards and backseat passengers Joel Bresler and Kevin Yoder. All four were Elkhart County residents in their early 20s.

The four men were killed Saturday at 3:45 a.m. in a one-car wreck six miles south of Ligonier on U.S. 33, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department. They were on their way home from Piere's, a Fort Wayne nightclub, Brazzell said.

The 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee was traveling northbound on U.S. 33 when it left the roadway on a curve, police said. The vehicle continued in the ditch for 421 feet before striking a tree head-on, the sheriff's report said.

FATAL: *Coroner says men in front seat died on impact*

Upon impact, the vehicle burst into flames, and all of the occupants were burned beyond recognition. The Jeep's license plate also was damaged beyond identification, according to Brazzell.

Autopsies were performed Saturday at St. Joseph's Hospital, Fort Wayne, on all four victims, Brazzell said.

Brazzell said he believes the two men in the front seat died upon impact due to massive blunt force trauma. The men in the back seat were likely knocked unconscious upon impact and died shortly afterward due to either internal injuries or smoke inhalation, according to Brazzell.

A toxicology report will show if any of the passengers had excess amounts of carbon monoxide in their blood, indicating death due to smoke inhalation, Brazzell said.

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William Teegardin

NAPLES, Fla. — William L. Teegardin, 83, of Naples, Fla., died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at Lakeside Pavilion in Naples.

Mr. Teegardin retired in 1981 after 25 years with the Pennsylvania Railroad, 10 years with Penn Central and 5 1/2 years with Conrail as an engineer. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving with a railroad battalion in 1945.

He was a member of Celebration Community Church in Naples and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

He was born Sept. 15, 1921, in Columbus Grove, Ohio, to Lincoln P. and Anna E. (Koogler) Teegardin. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary K. Kiracofe on July 19, 1942. She died May 2, 1972.

He married his second wife, Wilma J. Shuder Beard, on Sept. 3, 1977. She died March 28, 1989.

He then married Mona Bacon Shaw on Sept. 29, 1989. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, David W. Teegardin of Montpelier, Ind.; two daughters, Nancy K. Hartzell of New Haven and Sue E. Grant of Belleville, Wis.; five stepchildren, Vicki Holden of Bremen, Mary Lou Griffin of Fort Wayne, Bruce Bacon of Naples, Brent Bacon of Ashley and Debora Alexander of Naples; seven grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, two sisters and a stepgrandson.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Lewis Grove Cemetery at Lima, Ohio.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Celebration Community Church of Naples or Hospice of Naples.

Jessie Handshoe

ANGOLA — Jessie Handshoe, 45, of Angola died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Handshoe was born June 17, 1959, in Kendallville, to Charlie Handshoe and Flossie (Gibson) Martin.

He formerly worked at DeKalb Molded Plastic in Butler as a production worker.

Surviving are his mother, Flossie Martin of Angola; five brothers, Frank Handshoe of Avilla, Billy Handshoe of Ashley, Melvin Handshoe of Angola, Edgar Caudill of Kendallville and Danny Gibson of Indianapolis; three sisters, Rose Mary Collins of Kendallville, Credy Rissner of Avilla and Thelma Butler of Kendallville; and his maternal grandmother, Luecrata Gibson of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charlie Handshoe; two stepfathers, Edgar Caudill and Walter Martin; and a sister, Donna Ruth Guthrie.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Orange Cemetery, Brimfield, with the Rev. Howard S. Stanley officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the family.

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Glenn Parsell

PLEASANT LAKE — Glenn C. Parsell, 89, of rural Pleasant Lake died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004.

Mr. Parsell was born in Hamilton on Feb. 27, 1915, to Daniel W. and Ruth (Conrad) Parsell Curry. He married Princess M. Kline on Dec. 1, 1934, and she preceded him in death on May 29, 1972.

He was a former farmer, truck driver and mechanic.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred; four daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen and Chris Cretsinger and Karen and Randel Mills, all of Pleasant Lake; Glenda and James McClellan of Ashley and Marilyn and William McClellan of Hudson; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Ellen Parsell of Martinsville; a daughter-in-law, Margaret Parsell of Waterloo; a stepdaughter, Pamela Shively of Greenville, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Caroline Barkey of Elkhart; a stepson, David Shively of Bulls Gap, Tenn.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Willa Forrest and Pauline and Harold Curry, all of Waterloo; 20 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, John Richard Parsell in 2003 and Kenneth D. Parsell in 2001; and a brother, Ralph C. Parsell in 1937.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Fairfield Cemetery, with Timothy M. Dougherty officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Chris Cretsinger family.

Arrangements are being handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Augusta Mosley

KENDALLVILLE — Augusta P. Mosley, 81, of Kendallville and formerly of Knott County, Ky., died Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Mosley had worked at Essex Wire in Kendallville and retired in 1985.

She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

She was born Jan. 15, 1923 in Tipler, Wis., to Thorton and Susie (Cornett) Smith. She married Roscoe Messer in 1942 and he preceded her in death. She then married Tilvis Mosley in 1976 and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are six sons and four daughters-in-law, James and Linda Messer of Albion, T.J. and Donna Messer of Oklahoma City, Okla., Marvin Messer of LaPorte, Timothy and Rosemary Messer of Mishawaka, H. Wayne Messer of Battle Creek, Mich., and Paul and Debbie Smith of Rolling Prairie; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marjorie and Ray Dykstra of LaPorte and Sheila L. Bailey of Lakeland, Fla.; five stepsons, LeRoy Mosley, Billy Mosley, Eugene Mosley, Gayleen Mosley and Pastor Charles Mosley, all of Kendallville; two brothers, Kenneth Smith of Sheridan, Ill., and Bill Smith of Marion, Ill.; two sisters, Eloa Lykins of Michigan City and Gladys Gayheart of Newark, Ohio; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was precede in death by a daughter, Christina Begly; and four sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Mosley/ and the Rev. Cova Perkins officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Erica Vankirk

FORT WAYNE — Erica L. Vankirk, 16, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Miss Vankirk was a sophomore at Northrop High School and worked part-time at Scott's Food Stores.

She was a graduate of the Barbizon School of Modeling.

Surviving are her mother, Teri L Vankirk, and stepfather Mark E. Reader of Fort Wayne; her father and stepmother, Thomas J. and Rhonda J. Vankirk of Hudson; a brother, Benjamin Berry of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Megan Reader of Fort Wayne, Jami Kelley of Hudson, Jeri Vankirk of Hudson and Megan Vankirk of Hudson; grandparents, Berley and Carol Rexrode of Fort Wayne, Edward and Carol Reader of Fort Wayne, James and Terry Vankirk of Fort Wayne and Ron and Phyllis Kelley of Hudson; and a great-grandmother, Louise Tinsley.

She was preceded in death by a grandmother, Nila Vankirk.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association asthma programs.

Michele Foster

GOSHEN — Michele Foster, 28, of Goshen died at 6:27 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004.

Miss Foster

Miss Foster was a lifetime resident of Noble and Elkhart counties. She had been an inspector in the engineering department for the City of Goshen.

She enjoyed doing crafts, sewing and reading. She was a graduate of West Noble High School where she was a member of the tennis team, National Honor Society and was a cheerleader.

She was born May 10, 1976, in Goshen to Scott and Brenda (Wilson) Foster. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a daughter, Madeleine Grace Cochran, at home; her companion, Steve Cripe of Goshen; a sister and brother-in-law, Shauna and Jeremy Young of Syracuse; a nephew, Caleb Young of Syracuse; paternal grandparents, Dot and Bill Foster of Ligonier; and maternal grandparents, Eva and Daren Durey of Fredericktown, Mo.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kylan Hunter Foundation.

Darlene Hyser

CHURUBUSCO — Darlene M. Hyser, 72, of Blue Lake near Churubusco died at 9:43 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health the past nine years and had been a patient at Hospice Home since Nov. 9.

Mrs. Hyser

Mrs. Hyser was a 1950 graduate of Roanoke High School. She had lived at Blue Lake since 1965.

She was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco and its Rosary Sodality. She had been the church custodian the past 15 years.

Mrs. Hyser was born April 8, 1932, in Roanoke to Ralph P. and Josephine (Schoeff) Steinbacher. On July 29, 1950, in Huntington, she married Thomas J. Hyser Sr. He died Oct. 13, 1991.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas J. and Nicole Hyser Jr. of Churubusco; seven daughters and three sons-in-law, Linda Copeland of Leander, Texas, Renee Imbody of Whippany, N.J., Tammey and Dan Parker of Hudson, Barbara and Brian Bianski of Churubusco, Kelly Jo Hyser of Fort Wayne and Annette Krider and Rita and Michael Bellinger, all of Columbia City; two sisters, Maxine Dugan of Fort Wayne and Beverly Gruesbeck of Roanoke; 16 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren, with a 10th due in December.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Ege Cemetery in Noble County.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. A rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or to Visiting Nurse Services & Hospice Home.

Condolence may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Richard Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Smith of Kendallville died today, Nov. 16, 2004, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

***THIS OBITUARY** is being reprinted to include information inadvertently omitted.*

Hugh Wood

HOWE — Hugh A. Wood, 76, of Howe died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, at his residence.

On Dec. 15, 1927, in Mongo, he was born to John Russell and Margaret (Kelly) Wood. He married Betty L. Yeager on Nov. 19, 1971, in LaGrange. She survives.

The lifetime LaGrange County resident worked at Dometic Corp. in LaGrange for 28 years as an electrician before retiring in 1991.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps World War II veteran and a veteran of the U.S. Merchant Marine.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two daughters and a son-in-law, Laura Pitt of Indianapolis and Mary and Kevin Turner of Howe; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael Wood of Carson City, Nev., John and Barbara Wood of LaGrange and David and Rebecca Wood of Bronson, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Eleanor and Otis Lash of Angola; a stepdaughter, Karen Wittrig of Goshen; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Beverly Wood, on March 10, 1994, a grandson, Thomas Hugh Wood, in 1990, and his parents.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Don Matteson officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are Pleasant Hill Missionary Church, Bronson, Mich.

Corga Wallen

WOLCOTTVILLE — Corga Wallen, 82, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Wallen

Mr. Wallen had been employed for 38 years at Newnam Foundry.

He was also a pastor and assistant pastor for many years with the Baptist Church in Stockbridge, Mich.

Mr. Wallen was a U.S. Army veteran. He served in combat duty in the 80th Infantry Division, 314th Field Artillery Platoon in Germany from December 1942 until January 1946. He was awarded the Citation medal.

He was born July 11, 1922, in Garrett, Ky., to Floyd and Lydia (Conley) Wallen. On Oct. 7, 1972, in Stockbridge, he married Ersel Moore. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Billy and Susie Wallen of Yukon, Okla., and Danny Wallen of Toledo, Ohio; four stepchildren, Bill Allen of Jackson, Mich., Michael Allen of Parma, Mich., Della England of Concord, Mich., and Rex Allen of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a brother and sister-in-law, Cordus and Lorraine Wallen of Rome City; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Hadney Clevenger of Ligonier, Analean and Edward Perkins of Kendallville and Yvonne Jones of Kimmell; a granddaughter, Melissa Peterson; nine stepgrandchildren; and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Darrell Wallen; a brother, Burley Wallen; and two sisters, Beatrice Bailey and Janivee Sawyer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at True Church of God on S.R. 3 north of South Milford with Pastor Billy Fields officiating. Burial will be in Brushey Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Betty Brouwer

FORT WAYNE — Betty Lou Brouwer, 72, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, at The Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Brouwer was born March 1, 1932, in Rochester, to Charles E. and Irene M. (Fisher) Thompson.

Surviving are a son, Terry Norman of Fremont; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a good friend, Maurice "Morey" Berg of Hoagland.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Highland Park Cemetery Chapel in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Local arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Mary Burger

KENDALLVILLE — Mary L. Burger, 88, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Burger

Mrs. Burger was a homemaker and member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and its Rosary Sodality and Harvest House.

She was born April 7, 1916, in Kendallville to Samuel and Pearl (Watts) Gould. On June 6, 1936, in Kendallville, she married Ralph J. Burger. He died in 1977.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Donald Skiles of Churubusco; three granddaughters, Beth Basar of Round Rock, Texas, Lisa Colberg of Butler and Karen Skiles of Kendallville; and three great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a sister, Shirley; and a brother, Cyril Waggoner.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are the church building fund or Masses.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

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Richard Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Walter Smith, 76, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith was a farmer and had worked for Hipskind Construction in Garrett for a number of years. He was also a logger and had owned R&B Sawmill at Kendallville and had owned Corunna Tavern.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He spent many hours assembling machinery.

Mr. Smith was born May 13, 1928, near Corunna to Orley Sr. and Helen (Laisure) Smith. He graduated from Ashley High School in 1946. On June 19, 1949, in Corunna, he married Betty Jean Kimmell. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and John Crager of Garrett, Janice and Burdette Ramer of Kendallville, and Debbie and Brice Drake of Corunna; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Janice Smith of Corunna and Jeffery and Donna Smith of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Janet Lee Smith in 1950, and a brother, Orley "Jiggs" Smith Jr.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Zion Lutheran Church in Corunna with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Doris Rimmel

ALBION — Doris Rimmel of Albion died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Rimmel was a lifetime area resident and had owned Limberlost Country Club for 30 years, retiring in 1985.

She was born June 17, 1923, in Auburn to Gerald "GN" and Ethel (Snyder) Grover. On Jan. 30, 1946, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, she married Max A. Rimmel. He died Feb. 7, 1996.

Surviving are two daughters, Deborah Navabi of Chicago and Patricia Towfighi of Indianapolis; two sisters, Frances Thomas of Albion and Patricia King of Florida; and three grandchildren.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Elderly woman struck, killed by car

BY BILL GISEL

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AUBURN — An elderly Auburn woman walking to her newspaper box was struck and killed by a passing car early today.

Police said Minnie Provines, age unavailable, of 2640 C.R. 36-A, was walking to her newspaper box on the north side of the road when she apparently walked into the path of a westbound Ford Mustang. The name of the driver was not available this morning.

Police said the car continued for approximately 150 feet before coming to a halt. Police at the scene said Mrs. Provines probably died instantly.

The driver of the car told police she had the car's windshield wipers operating and there was a light rain at the time of the accident.

Indiana State Police are in charge of the investigation. Also at the scene were Auburn Police, the DeKalb County Coroner and DeKalb EMS medics.

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CRASH SCENE — A charred tree, a few broken auto parts, flowers and a cross mark the place where four young Elkhart County men died early Saturday morning on U.S. 33 north of Wolf Lake. Dental records were used to identify the dead because their bodies were burned beyond recognition. (ANE photo by Joy LeCount)

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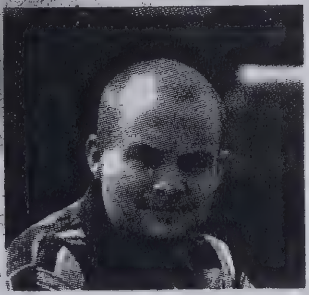
Four killed in fiery Wolf Lake area crash

by Mark Hunter and Joy LeCount

Ruben Escobedo

Joel Bressler

Joshua Richards



Kevin Yoder

KIMMELL — Positive identification of four people who died in a fiery collision south of Kimmell early Saturday has been determined.

All four men were in a 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee that crashed into a tree along US 33, just north of CR 50N, at around 3:45 a.m., according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department. It's believed that at least the two front seat occupants died on impact, but all four bodies were too badly burned to be identified.

Joshua Richards, 23, was the front seat passenger. In back were Joel Bressler, 21, and Kevin Yoder, 27. Their names were released Sunday. It wasn't until late Monday that the driver, Ruben Escobedo, 27, of Elkhart was confimed to be the fourth victim through use of dental records.

Autopsies were conducted Saturday, and the cause of their deaths was determined to be massive blunt force trauma, according to Brazzell.

The men were apparently returning home from a Fort Wayne nightclub, Brazzell said. Toxicology tests were conducted, but results will not be available for about two weeks.

Richards, Bressler and Yoder were employed by KW Yoder Construction, Inc. of Elkhart. Escobedo was employed by Forge Industrial Staffing.

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Four die in fiery crash

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Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman believes speed was a factor in the crash, but the exact cause remains under investigation.

Local authorities learned of the crash when a local resident called 911 after hearing the impact of the vehicle with the tree. Emergency responders arrived to find the vehicle engulfed in flames and the occupants already dead.

The Jeep was apparently northbound when it left the roadway on a curve, continued in the ditch on the west side of the road for 421 feet, then struck the tree head-on before bursting into flames.

The vehicle's front end was demolished, and it was so badly burned officers were unable to determine an identification by using a license plate or vehicle identification number.

Albion and Noble Township fire trucks responded to extinguish the blaze and helped block off traffic on US 33 for about four hours, while the wreckage and bodies were removed.

Albion firefighters brought a thermal imaging camera to the scene to check the area in case anyone managed to get out of the vehicle and might be lying nearby, but no other victims were located.

Assisting in the investigation were the Noble County Coroner's Office, Noble County EMS, and Noble County Sheriff's Department.

(Photographs accompanying this article courtesy of Elkhart Truth.)

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Augusta Mosley

KENDALLVILLE — Augusta P. Mosley, 81, of Kendallville and formerly of Knott County, Ky., died Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Mosley had worked at Essex Wire in Kendallville and retired in 1985.

She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

She was born Jan. 15, 1923 in Tipler, Wis., to Thorton and Susie (Cornett) Smith. She married Roscoe Messer in 1942, and he preceded her in death. She then married Tilvis Mosley in 1976, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are six sons and four daughters-in-law, James and Linda Messer of Albion, T.J. and Donna Messer of Oklahoma City, Okla., Marvin Messer of LaPorte, Timothy and Rosemary Messer of Mishawaka, H. Wayne Messer of Battle Creek, Mich., and Paul and Debbie Smith of Rolling Prairie; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marjorie and Ray Dykstra of LaPorte and Sheila L. Bailey of Lakeland, Fla.; five stepsons, LeRoy Mosley, Billy Mosley, Eugene Mosley, Gayleen Mosley and Pastor Charles Mosley, all of Kendallville; two brothers, Kenneth Smith of Sheridan, Ill., and Bill Smith of Marion, Ill.; two sisters, Eloa Lykins of Michigan City and Gladys Gayheart of Newark, Ohio; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Christina Begly; and four sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Mosley and the Rev. Cova Perkins officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Jessie Handshoe

ANGOLA — Jessie Handshoe, 45, of Angola died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Handshoe was born June 17, 1959, in Kendallville, to Charlie Handshoe and Flossie (Gibson) Martin.

He formerly worked at DeKalb Molded Plastic in Butler as a production worker.

Surviving are his mother, Flossie Martin of Angola; five brothers, Frank Handshoe of Avilla, Billy Handshoe of Ashley, Melvin Handshoe of Angola, Edgar Caudill of Kendallville and Danny Gibson of Indianapolis; three sisters, Rose Mary Collins of Kendallville, Credy Rissner of Avilla and Thelma Butler of Kendallville; and his maternal grandmother, Luecrata Gibson of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charlie Handshoe; two stepfathers, Edgar Caudill and Walter Martin; and a sister, Donna Ruth Guthrie.

Graveside services at Orange Cemetery, Brimfield, with the Rev. Howard S. Stanley officiating. Memorials are to the family.

Eva Metzger

KIMMELL — Eva Almira Metzger, 92, of Kimmell died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Metzger was a dedicated homemaker and farm wife. She and her husband operated a farm in Noble County for 26 years. In 1961 they moved to Columbia City. Mrs. Metzger later moved back to the Noble County farm.

She will be remembered for her positive, cheerful attitude and the concern she showed for others.

Mrs. Metzger was a member of New Life Baptist Church of Wabash.

She was born Sept. 17, 1912, in Whitley County to William R. and Lillie Bennett Mohn. She graduated from Larwill High School in 1930. On Oct. 25, 1930, she married John Manastus Metzger. He died July 7, 1993.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Janice Adair of Logansport, Marilee and Don Kreider of Columbia City and Sandy Denton of Ligonier; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Mary Metzger of Kimmell and Randy and Gail Metzger of North Manchester; 19 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Nancy Lee; two sisters, Ina Westlake and Edna Evard; and two sons-in-law, Kay Adair and Harold Denton.

Services were held Saturday, November 13, 2004, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Steve Parks of New Life Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery in Larwill.

Memorials are to New Life Baptist Church of Wabash or to the donor's choice.

Ruth Remley

ALBION – Ruth Armadene (Zollars) Remley, 71, of Albion died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Remley moved to Albion in 1981 from Kimmell.

She had retired from Starcraft in Topeka where she worked in shipping and receiving. She had also worked at Frick Services in Wawaka.

Mrs. Remley was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion Order of the Eastern Star and Rebecca's Circle.

She was born Aug. 12, 1933, in Marion County to Armond and Ruth (Morphew) Greeson. On Feb. 14, 1992, in Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, she married Donald Remley. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Deb Zollars of Ligonier and Bill and Kathy Zollars of Convoy, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Deborah Killian of Columbia City and Beth and Wayne Lewis of Wolcottville; three stepchildren and their spouses, Lizabeth and Steve Lewis, Jackie and Randy Thompson and Jeffery and Lisa Remley; a sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Jim Clendening of New Ross, Ind.; a brother and sister-in-law, Tommy and Sandy Greeson of Haines City, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Buddy Greeson.

Services were held Friday, November 12, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Nancy Furgesson officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church or Shepherd of the Hill nursing home's activity fund.

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David Wiley

BLOOMINGTON — David A. Wiley, 70, of Bloomington, died at Bloomington Hospital, Sunday, November 7, 2004.

Born May 2, 1934, in Wolf Lake, he was the son of the late Nathaniel Prentice Wiley and Mildred (Drake) Wiley. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School with the class of 1951.

He was a retired engineer and business man and was a partner in ATR Company. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Bloomington, a U.S. Air Force veteran and worked on the NASA Space Program.

He is survived by his wife, Betty (Dillman) Wiley; four daughters, Kimberly Wiley of New Orleans, LA, Jessica Van Lerberghe of Shakopee, MN, Jennifer Cherpes of Reston, VA, and Laura Schleifer of Oakland, CA; one brother, N.P. Wiley of Montgomery, AL; one sister, Emma Jeanne Gaff of Kimmell; four grandchildren, Ethan Willnat and Sonja Willnat of Reston, VA, and Lauren Van Lerberghe and Kara Van Lerberghe of Shakopee, MN.

He was preceded in death, in addition to his parents, by two brothers, Don and Frederick (Pat) Wiley.

A memorial service was held Thursday, November 11, 2004, at Day Funeral Home.

Betty Smith

HUNTERTOWN — Betty "BJ" Woods McBride Smith, 68, of Huntertown died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne with her family by her side.

Mrs. Smith was retired from Three Rivers Title Co. as a closing coordinator. She was a past president of Allen County Loan Closers Association, a charter member of Dream Weavers Basket Guild and a member of the Red Hat Society.

She was born Dec. 1, 1935, in Fort Wayne to Roy E. and Goldie Woods. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Lewis F. Smith; a son, Don M. McBride Jr. of Albion; a daughter, Deborah Faurote of Auburn; a sister, Ruth Lengacher of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and several neices and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald M. McBride, a great-grandson, Alexander McBride; a brother, Eddie Woods; and a sister, Helen Lude.

Services were Tuesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospital Oncology.

Reba Martin

AVILLA — Reba I. Martin, 95, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Born Jan. 2, 1909, in Oakwood, Ohio, she was the daughter of Joseph S. and Eva (Mahan) Brown. They preceded her in death.

She had worked as a clerk with Wolf and Dessauer Department Store in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Third Street United Brethren in Christ Church and Ladies Auxiliary of Railroad Trainmen Lodge 436.

Surviving are a son, Donald Miller of Wolcottville; a daughter, Eva Keuneke of Grandin, Mo.; and a stepson, Richard M. Meese of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Henry R. Martin, and three brothers.

Services were held Monday at 11 a.m. at C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Tom Novy officiating.

Gretchen Frederick

MIDDLEBURY — Gretchen Hilda Frederick, 76, of Middlebury died at 9:08 a.m. Wednesday at Goshen General Hospital. She had been in declining health for four years.

Mrs. Frederick

Mrs. Frederick had lived most of her life in the Middlebury area and was a homemaker. She had worked for 20 years for GTE.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church for more than 50 years where she had taught Sunday school. She was a member of Read-a-bit and the Middlebury Home Economics Club. She enjoyed crocheting and needlepoint.

Mrs. Frederick enjoyed playing the piano and giving flute lessons.

She was born July 20, 1928, in Goshen to Daniel and Hilda (Hammond) Franz. On Jan. 18, 1948, in Middlebury she married R. Keith Frederick. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Julia and Robert Blair of LaGrange and Mari and Dwight Bowers and Amy and Gerald Miller, all of Middlebury; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Dennis and Lucinda Frederick of Elgin, Ill., Daniel and Cindi Frederick of Middlebury, U.S. Navy Chief Robert and Leslie Frederick of Camarillo, Calif., and Mark Frederick and his partner Mike Baker of Terre Haute; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepmother, Teresa (Owens) Franz; and a son, Michael Frederick, in 1970.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linda Craig officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 6-8 tonight and 2-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church Building Fund or the American Diabetes Association.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Minnie Provines

AUBURN — Minnie A. Provines, 81, of Auburn died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at her rural Auburn home.

A homemaker, she was a member of the First Christian Church in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 13, 1923, in Waterloo to Charley and Mary May (Benjamin) Reinoehl. They preceded her in death.

On Dec. 30, 1950, she married Bruce A. Provines. He died July 28, 1997.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters-in-law, James A. and Barbara Provines of Hamilton and Steve R. and Marcia Provines of Auburn; one daughter and one son-in-law, Janice E. and George Haskins Jr. of Auburn; three brothers, Gene Reinoehl of Auburn, Hubert Reinoehl of Butler and Everett R. Reinoehl of Waterloo; three sisters, K. Beth Drew of Waterloo, Alice M. Berry of Ashley and Nina L. Redmon of Auburn; six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two stepgrandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Christian Church in Auburn and Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Kelly McIntosh

TOPEKA — Kelly "Benny" McIntosh, 68, of Topeka died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at Wyandot Manor Nursing Home in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Mr. McIntosh

Mr. McIntosh had lived in the Noble County area for 40 years. He retired from Goshen Rubber after 30 years of employment. He had recently worked at Parker Hannifin in Syracuse.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in France in the 1950s. He loved fishing, bird watching and spending time with his family.

Mr. McIntosh was born Jan. 9, 1936, in Bartley, W.Va., to Benjamin and Maggie (Christian) McIntosh. On Nov. 19, 1960, in AtWell, W.Va., he married Elsie Marie Hale. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ray and Shannon McIntosh of Sunset, La., and Paul McIntosh and his companion, Chris Wilson, of Topeka; a brother, Fred McIntosh of West Virginia; two sisters, Ola Tesley of Fort Washington, Md., and Frankie Blakely of Raysal, W.Va.; and three grandchildren, Stephen, Shay and Nate McIntosh.

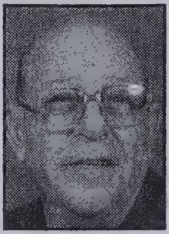
He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Jake and Roy; and two sisters, Irene and Mary.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Assembly of God Church, 1288 W. Union St., Ligonier, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Paul Niman

CHURUBUSCO — Paul E. Niman, 78, of Churubusco died at 7:28 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne where he had been a resident since Nov. 3. He had been in declining health for several years, however his death was unexpected.


Mr. Niman

Mr. Niman had been a truck driver for Belmont Trucking Co. in Fort Wayne for 21 years, retiring in 1983.

He had served in both the Army Air Corps and the Navy during World War II.

Mr. Niman was baptized in 1954 at the Eel River Baptist Church and was currently a member of New Hope Community Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born June 1, 1926, in Rome City to Earl and Gertie Elizabeth (Deck) Niman. On Jan. 26, 1947, in Allen County, he married Martha C. Longenecker. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Kenneth E. and Pat Niman of Lexington, S.C., Kerry L. and Kay Niman of Churubusco, David A. and Rozanna Niman and Phillip W. and Virginia Niman, all of Fort Wayne, and Carl E. Niman of Lawrence; two daughters and sons-in-law, Marsha and David Nichols of Fort Wayne and Sherry and Jeffery Hanshew of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph L. and Elma Niman of Fort Wayne; 45 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Paula Kay Niman and Elizabeth Ilene Niman; and a brother, Claude Niman.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with Pastor Sidney Bennett officiating. Burial with military honors will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to New Hope Community Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Tena Fording

BERNE — Tena Lynn Fording, 35, of Berne died Tuesday at her home.

She was born Jan. 19, 1969, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son, Aaran Fording of Fort Wayne, a daughter, Kaila Fording of Fort Wayne; a companion, John R. Vantichelt of Berne; a sister, Rebecca Walker of New Haven; her father, Timothy Howey of Pleasant Lake; her mother, Marilyn (Byrd) Dawn of Angola; and a grandmother, Hazel Carper of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Services will begin at 4 p.m with Pastor Toni Carmer officiating.

Memorials are to the funeral home for funeral expenses.

Charles Rivers

MIDDLEBURY — Charles Thurman Rivers, 65, of Middlebury died at 5:07 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Rivers

Mr. Rivers had retired from Lake Park Industries after 11 years of service and had lived in Middlebury since 1980.

He attended Mottville Community Church and was a committee member of Boy Scout Troop No. 1 in Elkhart.

Mr. Rivers was born Dec. 7, 1938, in Sturgis, Mich., to Elmer and Lucile (Stout) Rivers. On June 20, 1959, in Sturgis, he married Nancy Ann Hagenbuch. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Kimmie Rivers of Constantine, Mich., and Clifton and Phyllis Rivers of Middlebury; a sister and brother-in-law, Myrtle and Lucian Tisdel of Burr Oak, Mich.; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two infant daughters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Mottville Community Church in Mottville, Mich., with Pastor Dave Bell officiating. Burial will be in White Pigeon Cemetery in White Pigeon, Mich.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Mottville Community Church.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Richard Smith

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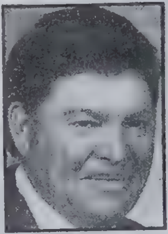
Mr. Smith

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He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He spent many hours assembling machinery.

Mr. Smith was born May 13, 1928, near Corunna to Orley Sr. and Helen (Laisure) Smith. He graduated from Ashley High School in 1946. On June 19, 1949, in Corunna, he married Betty Jean Kimmell. She survives in Kendallville.

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Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Zion Lutheran Church in Corunna with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Glenn Babcock

MT. CORY, Ohio — Glenn A.F. Babcock, 78, of Mt. Cory, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004, at the home of his grandson.

Mr. Babcock served in the Army from Jan. 9, 1945, to Aug. 2, 1946, as an infantry basic training instructor, rifleman instructor, and demolition specialist. After serving in the Army he went on to drive for Old Dutch Brewery and Associated Truck Lines and retired after 42 years of service. He was a member of the Teamsters Union.

He was born in the Bradner area Sept. 3, 1926, to Joseph and Goldie Babcock. He married Marie Cooper in Forest on May 26, 1948, and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Connie Babcock of Mt. Blanchard, Shirley and Michael Wojciechowski of Rawson, Denise Meeks of Rawson, and Pam and Jeff Wittenmyer of Bowling Green; a brother Jack Babcock of Lima, two half sisters, Joyce Babcock and Jane Babcock, both of Tennessee; his stepmother, Wilma Babcock; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers Austin, Robert, Jim and Steve Babcock; and a sister, Marciele Thompson.

Services were today at Routson Funeral Chapel in Findlay with Pastor Bob Kulp officiating. Burial was at Knollcrest Cemetery in Arcadia, with military rites perform by the Hancock County Memorial Squad.

Memorials are to Bridge Home Health and Hospice, 1500 Birchaven Lane, Findlay, Ohio 45840.

Cletus Cape

EDGERTON, Ohio — Cletus C. "Hinie" Cape, 89, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at Parkview Nursing Center in Edgerton, where he was a resident.

Mr. Cape was a farmer, and also was employed by Edgerton Manufacturing for 12 years prior to the closing of the plant. He was a lifelong fan of the Edgerton Bulldogs and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton.

He was born Sept. 6, 1915, near Edgerton, to John and Minnie (Riley) Cape. He married Virginia Keller on Jan. 15, 1949, in Edgerton, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 8, 1993.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Cindy Cape of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Victor Juarez of Edgerton; eight grandchildren, Jeremy and Justin Cape, Hannah Cape, Christie Thein, Marjoe Gineman and Ian Gineman, Shawn Juarez and Crystal Jaquay; six great-grandchildren; and one niece, Carol Thomas of Edgerton.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Naomi Moore and Helen F. Parker.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Thomas Oedy officiating. Calling is today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, with the recitation of the rosary at 8:30 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Church or School, Edgerton Local Schools Athletic Department or Athletic Association, or Parkview Nursing Center.

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ConnieSue Christman

FORT WAYNE — ConnieSue "Susie" Christman, 55, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Christman

Mrs. Christman had worked for Slater Steel in Fort Wayne for 16 years.

She was an avid bingo player.

She was born Nov. 3, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Allen K. and Bernice M. (Williams) High. On Sept. 11, 1989, in Churubusco, she married Steve L. Christman. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, James R. Russell of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Tammy S. Erck, Kathreen A. Price and Anastasia Naselaris, all of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Allen High of Fort Wayne and Edward High of Huntington; five sisters, Dr. Bonnie Harris of Paragon, Annette Simmons of Fort Wayne, Darlene Herrington of Maryland, and Denise High and Amanda High, both of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Steven Butler, Phyllisa Morken, Brandon Overhoulser and Nathan Pine.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home with the Rev. Rick Hawks officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

ADVANCED LEADER
NOVEMBER 18 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

Four-fatality accident one of worst in county history

BY MEGAN HOCKLEY
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KIMMELL — One of the most tragic accident to ever occur on a Noble County road happened early Saturday morning on U.S. 33 between Wolf Lake and Kimmell.

Four young men, all from Elkhart County, died in the wreck.

They were:

- The driver, Rueben Escobedo of Elkhart;
- Joshua Richards, 23;
- Joel Bresler, 21; and
- Kevin Yoder.

The four men were killed Saturday at 3:45 a.m. in a one-car wreck six miles south of Ligonier on U.S. 33, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department. They were on their way home from Piere's, a Fort Wayne nightclub, Brazzell said.

A 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee was traveling northbound on U.S. 33 when it left the roadway on a curve, police said. The vehicle continued in the ditch for 421 feet before striking a tree head-on, the sheriff's report said.

Upon impact, the vehicle burst into flames, and all of the occupants were burned beyond recognition. The Jeep's license plate also was damaged beyond identification, according to Brazzell.

Autopsies were performed Saturday at St. Joseph's Hospital, Fort Wayne, on all four victims, Brazzell said.

Brazzell said he believes that the two men in the front seat died upon impact due to massive blunt force trauma. The men in the back seat were likely knocked unconscious upon impact and died shortly afterward due to either internal injuries or smoke inhalation, according to Brazzell.

Brazzell said he will fill out the victims' death certificates with cause of death listed as massive blunt force trauma.

Photo from Noble County Sheriff's Dept.

This is the vehicle the four men were riding in when they died Saturday morning between Kimmell and Wolf Lake.

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Tragedies on the road:

Ligonier native dies in Goshen train accident; four Elkhart County men perish in U.S. 33 wreck

GOSHEN — Family members and friends of Michele Foster were thrown into shock this week after word spread of her tragic death.

Michele died after the minivan she was driving collided with a train Sunday morning in Goshen.

She was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Jeff Landrum, Elkhart County coroner. He said Michele was nearly full-term in a pregnancy and efforts to save the unborn child were unsuccessful.

Landrum said it would be "speculation" to comment if Michele might have gone into labor as a result of, or because of, the accident.

She was a native of Ligonier and a graduate of West Noble High School with many family members and friends in Noble County.

The rear portion of the driver's side of the van was hit when she began to enter the Norfolk Southern railroad crossing and collided with a northbound freight train at 6:27 a.m., according to Goshen police.

Rescue crews found her minivan lodged in the 14th rail car back from the engine, about a quarter-mile northwest of the railroad crossing, and police searched the area and determined she was the only occupant.

Landrum said he will rule the death an accident but it remains under investigation by Goshen police and railroad officials.

Results of an autopsy and other tests will be available to officials later.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Michele's funeral was this morning, and her obituary is on Page 2.

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Michele Foster

GOSHEN — Michele Foster, 28, of Goshen died at 6:27 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004.

Miss Foster was a lifetime resident of Noble and Elkhart counties. She had been an inspector in the engineering department for the City of Goshen.

Miss Foster

She enjoyed doing crafts, sewing and reading. She was a graduate of West Noble High School where she was a member of the tennis team, National Honor Society and was a cheerleader.

She was born May 10, 1976, in Goshen to Scott and Brenda (Wilson) Foster. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a daughter, Madeleine Grace Cochran, at home; her companion, Steve Cripe of Goshen; a sister and brother-in-law, Shauna and Jeremy Young of Syracuse; a nephew, Caleb Young of Syracuse; paternal grandparents, Dot and Bill Foster of Ligonier; and maternal grandparents, Eva and Daren Durey of Fredericktown, Mo.

Services held this morning at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Larry Baker officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling was Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kylan Hunter Foundation.

Eva Metzger

KIMMELL — Eva Almira Metzger, 92, of Kimmell died at 10:35 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Metzger was a dedicated homemaker and farm wife. She and her husband operated a farm in Noble County for 26 years. From 1961 they lived in Columbia City. Mrs. Metzger later moved back to the Noble County farm.

She will be remembered for her positive, cheerful attitude and concern she showed for others.

Mrs. Metzger was a member of New Life Baptist Church of Wabash.

She was born Sept. 17, 1912, in Whitley County to William R. and Lillie Bennett Mohn. She graduated from Larwill High School in 1930. On Oct. 25, 1930, she married John Manastus Metzger. He died July 7, 1993.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Janice Adair of Logansport, Marilee and Don Kreider of Columbia City and Sandy Denton of Ligonier; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Mary Metzger of Kimmell and Randy and Gail Metzger of North Manchester; 19 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Nancy Lee; two sisters, Ina Westlake and Edna Evard; and two sons-in-law, Kay Adair and Harold Denton.

Services were Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Steve Parks of New Life Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery in Larwill.

Memorials are to New Life Baptist Church of Wabash or to the donor's choice.

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Robert Chivington

CROMWELL — Robert E. "Bob" Chivington, 69, of Cromwell died at 1:25 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, at home.

Mr. Chivington

Mr. Chivington was a retired maintenance supervisor for Ward Aluminum Foundry of Fort Wayne. He was a member of Ligonier American Legion Post 243, having served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1964. He enjoyed building things.

He was born Aug. 20, 1935, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Eugene and Mary Elizabeth (Richard) Chivington. On Feb. 20, 1954, in Fort Wayne, he married Ruth Ann Lee, who survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Kent Krause of Cromwell; a son, Timothy Chivington of Cromwell; three brothers, Joseph and David Chivington, both of Cromwell, and Edward Chivington of North Webster; two sisters, Ruth Neal of Cromwell and Karen Martens of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; five stepgranchildren; a great-grandchild; five stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Dennis A. Beckner officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Animal Clinic.

Helen Castetter

LIGONIER — Helen S. Castetter, 91, of Ligonier died at 12:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, in Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Mrs. Castetter

In Benton, Ind., on Oct. 24, 1913, she was born to Edward and Pearl (Wilkinson) Tice. She married Donald "Doc" Castetter on Jan. 22, 1938, in Wawaka. He preceded her in death on April 4, 1978.

She was an elementary teacher and retired in 1971.

Mrs. Castetter was a member of Wawaka Church of the Brethren, active in 4-H, and belonged to the Noble County Retired Teachers Association and the Indiana State Teachers Association. She wintered in Florida and enjoyed quilting, gardening, ponies and cards.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were two brothers, Hugh and Willis Tice, and two sisters, Carrie and Wilma.

Services were Tuesday in Wawaka Church of the Brethren with Rev. Verne Leininger officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Wawaka Church of the Brethren or donor's choice.

Jack Wyman

AUBURN — Jack F. Wyman, 77, of Auburn died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He worked as an industrial engineer for several companies before retiring in 1992. After he retired, he became a very accomplished artist.

He served in the Navy during World War II and was discharged in 1948. A member of Auburn Presbyterian Church,

He was born April 17, 1927, in Watertown, Wis., to Walter and Francis (Gordon) Wyman. They preceded him in death.

On April 25, 1948, in California he married Georgiana Pohle. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Gary Wyman of Ferndale, Wash., and Michael and Rebecca Wyman of Lakewood Colo., one daughter and son-in-law, Christie and Gary Iosbaker of St. Petersburg, Fla., eight grandchildren, Zachary Wyman of Warrenville, Ill., Andrea Wyman of Warrenville, Ill., Theresa Vermillion of Omaha, Neb., Heather and her husband Aaron Sciford of Homewood, Ill., Scott Guenthner, Kellie Fernandez and Megan Guenthner, all of Omaha, Neb., and Casie Cenabio of Green Forest, Ark., 12 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews and their spouses, Susan and Kurt Zimmer of Las Vegas, Nev., Ann and Mike Ballistierri of Treasure Island, Fla., and Gordon and Connie Wyman of Milwaukee, Wis.

He also was preceded in death by his brother, Gordon Wyman.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Auburn Presbyterian Church with the Rev. William Haworth officiating.

Miguel Cervantes

INDIANAPOLIS — Miguel Angel "Mikel" Cervantes, 12, formerly of Goshen, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Miguel Cervantes

Born on June 27, 1992, in Goshen, he was the son of Elia Ramirez of Indianapolis and Jorge Cervantes of Warsaw.

He was a sixth-grade student and a member of Ebenecer Assembly of God in Indianapolis.

Surviving are his parents; maternal grandparents, Elida and Jesus Hernandez of Milford; two sisters, Veronica Hernandez and Marissa Hernandez, both of Indianapolis; and one brother, Brian Ramirez of Indianapolis.

Services were today at 10 a.m. at the Iglesia Sinai Asamblea de Dios en Goshen with Pastor Noe Campos officiating.

Memorial contributions are to the family.

Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen was in charge of arrangements.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Burial will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Wyocena Cemetery in Wyocena, Wis.

Memorials are to the American Liver Foundation.

Elmer Pinkston

BUTLER — Elmer C. Pinkston, 71, of Butler died Wednesday morning, Nov. 17, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

He was born on Dec. 30, 1932, in Swifton, Ark., to Ran and Gertrude (Milligan) Pinkston.

As a tool-and-die maker, he had worked for Carbo Tool and Die in Fremont, Ohio, Frannies Drop Forge of Fremont, Ohio, J and H Manufacturer of Sylvania, Ohio, and Buchanan Steel of Niles, Mich. He formerly lived in Gibsonburg, Ohio.

On Oct. 4, 1954, he married Lavon J. Conrad in South Bend. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Timothy C. Pinkston of Mansfield, Ohio, Graland W. and Karen Sue Pinkston of Butler and Nathan A. and Laura Pinkston of Gibsonburg, Ohio; two daughters, Kathy A. Blaylock of Butler and Catherine Jane Walldron of Butler; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Lois Pinkston of Buchanan, Mich., Gladys Madison of Newport, Ark., and Retha Davis of Holland, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Curtis Pinkston, and one sister, Edna Duncan.

Graveside services were today at 11 a.m. at Westwood Cemetery in Woodville, Ohio.

Marsh Funeral Home of Woodville is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.marshfuneralhomes.com.

Memorials are to the family.

Larry Lock

FORT WAYNE — Larry G. Lock, 63, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Lock worked for General Electric for 37 years, retiring in 2000. He was a Marine Corps veteran and a life member of American Legion Post 207 in Willshire, Ohio, Moose Lodge 1311 in Decatur, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1421 in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra Lock of Fort Wayne; his mother and stepfather, Maxine and Norman Rider of Bear Lake; two stepsons, Jesse Diemer of Ocala, Fla., and Toby Diemer of Garrett; a stepdaughter, Debbie Wetzel of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Janet and Frank Armstrong of Fort Wayne, Ruth and Dick Teeter of Goshen, Sharon and Bill Sommers of Smyrna, Tenn., and Louise Zimmerman of Bear Lake; and one brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Patty Lock of Michigan.

Preceding him in death were his father, Johnathan Jesse Lock, and five brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery where military graveside services will be conducted.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Toys for Tots.

Thomas Henry

FORT WAYNE — Thomas E. Henry, 78, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at Parkview Hospital.

He was the owner of Henry Welding, manager of Seaboard Finance Co., and owner of Tom Henry Auto Sales. He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II and survived the battle for Iwo Jima.

He was a member of Cedar Creek Church of Christ, Leo Masonic Lodge 224, American Legion Post 409, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia L. Henry of Grabill; two daughters and their husbands, Diana L. and Jerry Ream of Grabill and Lois and Rick Voirol of Spencerville; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ruth Carl of Pottstown, Pa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Cedar Creek Church of Christ, 12606 S.R. 1. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 409.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or The Cedars Retirement Home.

Hazel Barnhart

AUBURN — Hazel G. Barnhart, 91, died of natural causes Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, at Grace Village Health Care facilities in Winona Lake.

Mrs. Barnhart

She was born Nov. 16, 1913, in DeSoto, Mo., and married Carl Barnhart on May 30, 1931, in St. Louis. They moved to Corunna, where they operated a grocery store and filling station.

The Barnharts moved to Auburn in 1951 from Garrett. They were charter members of the former Bible Baptist Church, now Lakewood Park Baptist Church, in Auburn, where Mrs. Barnhart was very active for many years in teaching Sunday School classes for younger children. She also taught and hosted Good News Clubs with Child Evangelism for many years.

She was a devoted wife and homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers, two sisters and three grandchildren.

Surviving are six children, Beverly Hopper of Winona Lake, Carleen Young of Prairie Heights, Texas, Nancy Graham of McDonough, Ga., Bill Barnhart of Archbold, Ohio, Joanna Fischer of McDonough, Ga., and Julie Mitchell of Ellenwood, Ga.

Also surviving are 25 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren, all of whom are grateful for the Christian heritage and training that Hazel and Carl Barnhart provided for them.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Lakewood Park Baptist Church, 5555 C.R. 29, Auburn

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism.

Baby Boy Miller

LAGRANGE — Baby Boy Miller was stillborn Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, in LaGrange Community Hospital, LaGrange.

Parents are Roy E. and Lydia Mae (Schrock) Miller of LaGrange. They survive. They are members of the Old Order Amish Church.

Also surviving are three sisters, Martha Sue, Marietta R. and LorAnna Miller, all at home; paternal grandparents, Eli R. and Wilma Miller of LaGrange; maternal grandparents, Samuel L. and Martha Schrock of LaGrange; and two great-grandmothers, Mary Schrock of Shipshewana, and Edna Miller of Millersburg.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today at Mast Cemetery, LaGrange, with home ministers officiating.

There is no calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

David Eicher

LEO — David Eicher, 84, of Leo, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004.

On Nov. 5, 1920, in Woodburn, he was born to Noah and Christina (Schwartz) Eicher. He married Emma M. Gerig. She survives.

He was a retired carpenter from Walt Lengacher Construction, and a minister at Ridgeview Amish Mennonite Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three daughters and sons-in-law, Naomi and David Schmucker, Miriam and Joe Schwartz, and Julia and Alva Steury, all of Grabill; four sons and daughters-in-law, Howard and Teresa Eicher of Avilla, Steve and Marilyn Eicher of Hicksville, Ohio, Allan and Lisa Eicher of Leo, and Norman and Rose Eicher of Grabill; five brothers, Daniel, Menno, Mike, Simon and Raymond Eicher; a sister, Rosa Witmer; 36 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A son, James; three brothers, Joe, Noah and Andy Eicher; and two sisters, Barbara Graber and Lydia Delagrange, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Ridgeview Amish Mennonite Church, 10717 Roberts Road, Harlan, with Lester Zehr and William Hostetler officiating. Burial will be in Schlatter Cemetery, Leo.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Ruth Muzzillo

AUBURN — Ruth L. Muzzillo, 83, of Auburn, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Muzzillo was a health facility administrator for Souder Health Care in Auburn and then for Warsaw Nursing Home, retiring in 1982. She was very active with the Business and Professional Women.

She was born Nov. 18, 1921, in Fort Wayne to Everett and Grace (Emerick) Thurber.

She married James P. Muzzillo in 1941. He died April 30, 1977.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Judy Muzzillo of Auburn and Tom and Brenda Muzzillo of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Don Porter of Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister, Mary Jolly of California; eight grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepmother, Margaret Thurber; and two brothers, Everett and Bill Thurber.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Shop with a Cop program or the Make A Wish Foundation.

Harry Hochstetler

TOPEKA — Harry C. Hochstetler, 87, of Topeka died at 12:10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital, LaGrange, where he was a patient for three weeks.

On Feb. 8, 1917, he was born in LaGrange County to Christian D. and Katie (Bontrager) Hochstetler. In Topeka on Jan. 23, 1941, he married Emma S. Schlabach. She survives.

He was a retired farmer and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter and son-in-law, Lizzie Mae and Harley Miller of Topeka; a son and daughter-in-law, Ira Lee and Rosie Hochstetler of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Joni C. and Edna Mae Hochstetler of Middlebury; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

His parents, six sisters, five brothers and three stillborn children preceded him in death.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Dan. J. Yoder residence, 6670 S. C.R. 500W, Topeka, with Bishop John Eash and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Sunday at the family residence at 5325-1 W. C.R. 700S, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Christina Geurs

FORT WAYNE — Christina Geurs, 78, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at Riverbend Healthcare Center, Fort Wayne.

Born in Gorinchem, The Netherlands, she was a nurse and served with the Red Cross during World War II. She married Otto C. Geurs in 1947. He survives.

Moving to the U.S. in 1957, she lived in Fort Wayne and was a member of First Presbyterian Church and volunteered for the American Red Cross.

She also lived at Pretty Lake.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters, Johanna Gorsuch of Webster, N.Y., and Pieternella Geurs of Ossian; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Otto C. and Margaret "Peggy" (Isenhour) Geurs Jr. of Mulberry, and Gerrit Geurs of New York, N.Y.; a brother, Gerrit Jacobs of Beusichem, The Netherlands; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Maaike Geurs, preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. today in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross or the National Kidney Foundation.

Barbara Rastenburg

LAFAYETTE — Barbara Ann Rastenburg, 68, of Lafayette, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, at 9:03 a.m. at Home Hospital in Lafayette from a lifelong disability.

She had worked at Wabash Center in Lafayette.

She was born Sept. 7, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Rudy and Nellie Lois Irvin Rastenburg. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Robert "Butch" Rastenburg of Lafayette and her sister, Donna Worthington of Lafayette. Mr & Mrs

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with the Rev. John Erwin officiating.

Memorials are to Mentor of Indiana, 656 N. 36th St., Lafayette, IN 47905.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Corga Wallen** were held at 11 a.m. Friday at the True Church of God with Pastors Billy Fields and Elmer Burke officiating. Burial was in Brushey Chapel Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Tony and Darrin Perkins, Dallas, Billy and Danny Wallen, and Michael Allen.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Carole A. Lieberenz** were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery at Woodruff. Pallbearers were Richard Lieberenz Jr., Mike Thomas, Joe Thomas, Chris Thomas, Greg Kable, Kent Kiefer, Leo Henkenius and Jeff Kohne. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

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Mrs. Butler's full life ends at 109

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LAGRANGE — Irene Butler didn't think she was pecial or pretty. She lived to be 109 years old, and her advice for longevity was simple.

"I just try to keep clean," she said when she was nterviewed earlier this fall.

She also said drinking whiskey and eating raisins may have helped.

Mrs. Butler, of LaGrange and formerly of Orland, died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange. She was born in St. Ignace, Mich., on June 6, 1895, to Ira and Mary Jane (Michaud) DeLong. She was married to Monroe Butler, who preceded her in death in 1958.

Mrs. Butler didn't make it to her 110th birthday, but she was honored on Sept. 17 at Life Care Center, along with another woman who lived there with her, Glova Sink, 102. She couldn't hear very well and had trouble remembering some things, but she did have some vivid memories of her youth, which she shared with a reporter a couple of days before the celebration.

"I washed dishes, made beds and swept the kitchen floor," she said.

At her last party, Mrs. Butler received visits from community and state leaders and officials in addition to the party presence of staff and other residents.

Mrs. Butler spent her childhood in Michigan. She later moved to Indiana, where she lived with her husband and raised their six children.

She was the oldest of 10 children, and was a member of the Orland Congregational Church.

She was a 75-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Ashley, and belonged to the Orland American Legion Auxiliary, Millgrove Township Extension Homemakers and the Rome City Red Hat Society.

She tried working outside the home in a factory (she said "it wasn't my cup of tea"), but settled on being a homemaker as a career.

FILE PHOTO

Irene Butler is seen at the Life Care Center in LaGrange in September. Mrs. Butler died Wednesday, Nov. 10. She was 109.

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Coach's passion was for the children

BY BILL GISEL
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GARRETT — "The kids have lost a h--- of a good friend."

So said Bernard Pence of his longtime friend, Wilford 'Bill" Esselburn, 71, of Garrett, who died Oct. 25, 2004.

"We were more like brothers than anything, if you know what I mean," said Pence, who coached youth baseball for many years in Garrett.

Together, Pence and Mr. Esselburn took an open field in Feick Park and turned it into a full-size baseball diamond. It was at a time when Garrett's Noah Yoder Ford T-birds ball team won state championships and went on to play in national competition in Knoxville, Tenn., and at Marshal University in Huntington, W.Va.

"That group of kids was extraordinary," Pence recalled.

Pence said he coached the team, with Mr. Esselburn handling the baserunners. They used donated materials, but did most of the work of building the baseball diamond themselves, Pence said. The field has since been converted to smaller diamonds for little leaguers.

Baseball was only one of the ways that Mr. Esselburn worked with the youth of Garrett. Himself a boxer as a youth, Mr. Esselburn took his sons, Tommy and Neal, to learn the sport at the DeKalb County Boxing Club.

Ed Placencia, who heads the boxing program, recalled that whenever Mr. Esselburn's sons were at the gym, so was he.

"His passion was for kids," Placencia noted. "When we needed help, he was there, and when I moved away from Garrett, he kept the boxing club going for a couple more years."

Placencia recalled that Mr. Esselburn was a small boy when growing up. Pence called him "an alley basketball player who liked to hang out with the older kids."

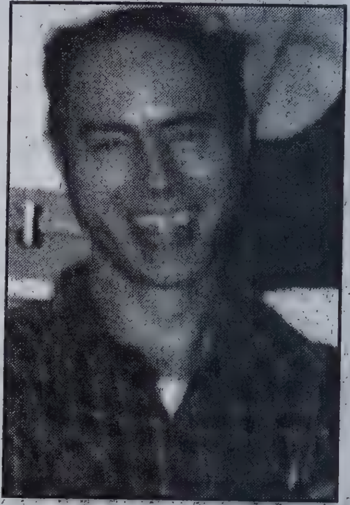
Mr. Esselburn's son, Neal, said his father as a teenager wanted to fight in Golden Gloves, and did, going to Indianapolis. "I don't know how well he did, but he wanted to (compete) bad enough that he did it," he said.

Neal Esselburn said his father was at the boxing club "every time my brother and I were there." Neal boxed for five years, his brother for eight years.

Esselburn said his father was an over-the-road truck driver, but he always found a way to support his children.

"I wasn't good at baseball, and my focus was on track and cross country," Neal Esselburn recalled. "Dad would show up for meets ... he did his darnedest to be there. It meant a lot to me."

In addition to sports, Mr. Esselburn also was active in the Garrett Eagles, Amvets Post 46 in Angola, and was a past 2nd District adjutant and chaplain for Amvets. He belonged to 40 & 8 in Angola and the Northeast Indiana Vietnam Veterans in Kendallville.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Wilford "Bill" Esselburn

Commenting on how busy his father was, Neal Esselburn said, "My mom always told him, 'You are not going to sit around here,' so he was in about every club you can imagine."

But Garrett sports were Mr. Esselburn's big love, according to Pence. "Anything to do with athletics, Bill was there, and me too," he said.

"We raised h--- with the referees at the ball games, that is for sure," Pence said with a laugh, "and if you saw Bill, you saw me."

Victoria Fischer

AUBURN — Victoria R. Fischer, 92, formerly of Avilla, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Fischer was a lifetime member of the American Legion of Avilla Ladies Auxiliary and a housekeeper at Scared Heart Home in Avilla for 18 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

She was born Feb. 17, 1912, in Ege to Ellory Peter and Johanna (Schlecht) Case. They preceded her in death.

She married William A. Fischer on Feb. 28, 1933, in Ege. He died April 5, 1976.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Donald W. and Connie Fischer of Fort Wayne, Stephen L. Fischer of Fort Wayne and Charles E. and Sherry Fischer of Leo; six daughters and two sons-in-law, Deloris A. Lamb of Fort Wayne, Alice M. and Donald Huth of Fort Wayne, Barbara R. Hippenhammer of Avilla, Ruth E. and Kent Ihrie of Wolcottville, Nancy E. Lamb of Auburn and Roberta K. Montel of Avilla; one sister and brother-in-law, Francis and Herb Rodermond of Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Fischer was preceded in death by one son, Thomas J. Fischer, two daughters, Janette Fischer and Irene Delong; four sisters, Mary Frought, Anna Bender, Eva Girardot and Eleanor Murphy; and one brother, Leo Case.

Services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Dan Durkin officiating. A rosary service will be conducted Monday at 8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to the church, the American Cancer Society or Adult Day Care in Fort Wayne.

Una Wilbur

MAYWOOD, Ill. — Una A. Wilbur, 93, of Brookfield, Ill., died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood, Ill.

Born Una Rakerd on April 3, 1911, in Johnston, Ill., she was a resident of Brookfield for 58 years.

She worked as a telephone operator for Illinois Bell Telephone Co.

She is survived by her daughter, Bette Lange of Kendallville; sons Dale Wilbur of Inverness, Fla., and Kenneth H. of Texas.; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Harold R. Wilbur, preceded her in death.

Services were private.

Memorials are to Brookfield Methodist Church, 3541 Park, Brookfield, IL 60513.

Hallowell & James Funeral Home of Countryside, Ill., handled arrangements.

Sadie Gill

ANGOLA — Sadie Bell Gill, 80, of Metz, died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Gill worked as a waitress in several restaurants, including 9 Mile Corners, Roundup, Holiday Inn, Halfway Restaurant and The Red Jacket Inn. She was a member of the Mount Pleasant Church.

She was born July 18, 1924, in Branch County, Mich., to John and Linnie (Benjamin) Monn.

She married Arden Ray Gill on Dec. 24, 1941. He preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 2003.

Surviving are four sons, Marlin Gill of Angola, Denny Gill of Edon, Ohio, Randy Gill of Metz and Kevin Gill of Hamilton; one sister, Martha Cram of Angola; 10 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Marvin Gill; four brothers, four sisters, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with William McKinley officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Metz.

Memorials are to the family in care of Randy Gill.

Levi Bontrager

MILLERSBURG — Levi D. Bontrager, 90, of rural Millersburg, died at his home Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at 6 a.m.

A lifetime resident of LaGrange County, Mr. Bontrager was a retired farmer and still operated a cabinet shop at the time of his death. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Jan. 1, 1914, in LaGrange County to David R. and Lydia (Christner) Bontrager.

He married Elizabeth Schlabach on Feb. 23, 1939. She preceded him in death Aug. 24, 1989.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Floyd and Ruby Bontrager and David and Kate Bontrager, all of Middlebury, Alvin and Amanda Bontrager of Topeka, and Harley and Katie Bontrager and Ernest and Vera Bontrager, all of Millersburg; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Esther and John Yoder of Shipshewana, Orpha and Wilbur Eash of Purdin, Mo., Alice and Al N. Miller of Millersburg, Mabel Miller and Ervin Miller Jr. of Topeka and Edna Bowser of LaGrange; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Lizzie and Joe Frey of Topeka, Katie and Dan Beechy of Gladwin, Mich., and Mary Lehman of Ligonier; 102 grandchildren, 292 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; a son, John, in May 1989; a brother, Amos; a sister, Amanda; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the residence of Orva D. Borntrager, 5375 S. C.R. 1050W, Millersburg, with the Rev. Dennis Troyer and the Rev. Anthony Yoder officiating.

Calling will be at the family residence, 10455 W. C.R. 500S, Millersburg, after 2 p.m. today and all day Monday.

Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka with pallbearers Orva D. Borntrager, Myron Miller, Jacob Lambright and Eugene Bontrager.

Arrangements are being handled by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

Thelma La Dow

ANGOLA — Thelma L. La Dow, 90, of Angola, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab in Angola.

She worked as a cook at Gropp's Fish of Stroh.

She was born June 11, 1914, in Salem Township in Steuben County to Homer and Jessie (Packer) La Dow. They preceded her in death.

She is survived by her cousins.

No services will be held. Burial will be in Block Cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct an error in date of the memorial service.*

Christina Geurs

FORT WAYNE — Christina Geurs, 78, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at Riverbend Healthcare Center, Fort Wayne.

Born in Gorinchem, The Netherlands, she was a nurse and served with the Red Cross during World War II.

She married Otto C. Geurs in 1947. He survives.

Moving to the U.S. in 1957, she lived in Fort Wayne and was a member of First Presbyterian Church and volunteered for the American Red Cross. She also lived at Pretty Lake.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters, Johanna Gorsuch of Webster, N.Y., and Pieternella Geurs of Ossian; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Johannes Geurs of Ossian, Otto C. Geurs Jr. and Margaret "Peggy" (Isenhour) Geurs of Mulberry, and Gerrit Geurs of New York, N.Y.; a brother, Gerrit Jacobs of Beusichem, The Netherlands; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Maaike Geurs, preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross or the National Kidney Foundation.

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Rev. Burkett Smith

HOWE — Rev. Burkett Llewellyn Smith, 76, of Howe died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, in Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, Fla.

The Rev. Burkett was an Indiana State Police and LaGrange County Sheriff's Department chaplain, a member of the LaGrange Rotary Club, the LaGrange Lions Club and minister at the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange from 1982 to 1987.

He was a retired Methodist minister who served from 1957-2002. He moved to LaGrange from Leo in 1982.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

On March 24, 1928, in Erie, Pa., he was born to Archie L. and Julia (Gibeau) Smith. He married Bernadine (Ryan) Smith in Bradford, Pa., on March 15, 1952. She survives.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Pat Patterson of Newark, Ohio, Miriam-Smith and Kenneth Fuller of LaGrange, and Martha and John Marshman of Cardington, Ohio; three sisters, Betty Correll of Corry, Pa., Edna Jenkins, Batavia, N.Y., and Janet Snyder of Leicester, N.Y.; eight grandchildren, Rory, Travis and Jevon Ricketts of Cardington, Ohio, Lauren Brooks of Columbus, Ohio, Patrick Patterson of Newark, Ohio, Kevin Smith Levens of LaGrange, and Jason Marshman and Heather Dages of Columbus, Ohio; and one great-grandchild.

A sister, Marjorie Fowler, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the United Methodist Mission's Society.

Roland Harding Jr.

GARRETT — Roland G. "Jack" Harding Jr., 70, of Garrett died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Harding was employed by the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., for five years; International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 20 years; and the DeKalb Central Schools maintenance department for 10 years before retiring in 1999.

He was a member of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in rural Corunna.

Born Sept. 5, 1934, in Auburn, he was the son of Roland G. Harding Sr. and Martha (Hanson) Harding. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Avilla.

On Nov. 26, 1958, in Gaithersburg, Md., he married Curry Fitzwater. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Roland G. Harding III and Mary Harding of Auburn, Michael R. and Cindy Harding of Butler and James M. and Shirlene Harding of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Pat Bennett of Garrett; three brothers, Kenneth Harding of Auburn, Daniel Harding of Corunna and Leland Harding of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Ann Wagner of Garrett and Rosalee Renkenberger of St. Joe; six grandchildren, two stepgrandsons, and one stepgreat-grandson.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, Corunna. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren or DeKalb County Council on Aging.

Stuart Ellis

CHURUBUSCO — Stuart A. Ellis, 62, of rural Churubusco died at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, at his Smith Township residence following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Ellis

He had been a resident of Smith Township since the early 1970s.

On Aug. 11, 1942, in Columbus, Ohio, he was born to John William and Novadale (Stone) Ellis.

He worked at International Harvester for 31 years, retiring in 1987 as a hazardous materials engineer.

He spent his formative years in the Detroit area where he graduated from high school. He earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from Northwestern University, and served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

In his leisure time he enjoyed hunting, fishing and outdoor sporting activities.

Surviving are a son, Aaron Ellis of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Bill Stienbarger of Fort Wayne; a brother, John Steven Ellis of Roseville, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Kirsten and Andrew Allman, and Wade Stienbarger.

He was preceded in death by a brother, James S. Ellis, and his parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Rev. Lane Burgland, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial with military honors will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Heartland Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at: sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

Victoria Fischer

AUBURN — Victoria R. Fischer, 92, formerly of Avilla died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Fischer was a lifetime member of the American Legion of Avilla Ladies Auxiliary and a housekeeper at Scared Heart Home in Avilla for 18 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

She was born Feb. 17, 1912, in Ege to Ellory Peter and Johanna (Schlecht) Case. They preceded her in death.

She married William A. Fischer on Feb. 28, 1933, in Ege. He died April 5, 1976.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Donald W. and Connie Fischer of Fort Wayne, Stephen L. Fischer of Fort Wayne and Charles E. and Sherry Fischer of Leo; six daughters and two sons-in-law, Deloris A. Lamb of Fort Wayne, Alice M. and Donald Huth of Fort Wayne, Barbara R. Hippenhammer of Avilla, Ruth E. and Kent Ihrie of Wolcottville, Nancy E. Lamb of Auburn and Roberta K. Montel of Avilla; a son-in-law, Harold A. Delong of Churubusco; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Jo Fischer of Avilla; one sister and brother-in-law, Francis and Herb Rodermond of Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Fischer was preceded in death by one son, Thomas J. Fischer, two daughters, Janette Fischer and Irene Delong; a son-in-law, Richard A. Hippenhammer; four sisters, Mary Frought, Anna Bender, Eva Girardot and Eleanor Murphy; and one brother, Leo Case.

Services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Dan Durkin officiating. A rosary service will be conducted Monday at 8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to the church, the American Cancer Society or A Day Away Adult Day Care in Fort Wayne.

Doris Rimmel

ALBION — Doris Rimmel, 81, of Albion died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Rimmel owned Limberlost Country Club for 30 years, retiring in 1985. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Albion.

She was born June 17, 1923, in Auburn to Gerald "GN" and Ethel (Snyder) Grover. On Jan. 30, 1946, she married Max A. Rimmel in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion. He preceded her in death Feb. 7, 1996.

Surviving are two daughters, Deborah Navabi of Chicago and Patricia Towfighi of Indianapolis; two sisters, Frances Thomas of Albion and Patricia King of Florida; and three grandchildren, Joseph and Alexander Towfighi and Sussan Navabi.

Private graveside services will be Friday with the Rev. Doug Keenan officiating.

A memorial celebration will be at Cobblestone Country Club, Drake Road, Kendallville, Friday from 3-5 p.m.

Memorials are to the National Federation for the Blind.

Josephine Drerup

SPENCERVILLE — Josephine (Fisher) Bohl Drerup, 85, of Spencerville died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at The Cedars in Leo-Cedarville.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville.

Grace Roop

AUBURN — Grace Marie Roop, 85, of Auburn died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

Born Aug. 10, 1919, in DeKalb County, she was the daughter of Frank and Clara (Sloffer) Weller. On Sept. 30, 1939, she married Oston Roop Sr. He died June 9, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Oston Roop Jr. and Evelee Roop of Kendallville, Steven Frank and Sandra Roop of Momence, Ill., and Michael Jay Roop of Anderson; one brother, Miles Weller of Garrett; two sisters, Kathryn Gilbert of Auburn and Marion Shoudel of Leo; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Floyd Weller, and one sister, Leona Ihrie.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Burrus officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Mertice Bontrager

TOPEKA — Mertice Bontrager, 70, of Topeka died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, at her esidence.

Mrs. Bontrager

She had been self-employed as an Avon epresentative for 45 years, and also worked n a Topeka doctor's office for 35 years.

Mrs. Bontrager was a member of the Topeka Mennonite Church where she was a member of the choir. She had been a certified decorator and enjoyed doing home mprovements, landscaping and oved to work with flowers. She was an accomplished seamstress, and much of her time was devoted to her grandchildren's ctivities. She had lived in the Topeka area for 64 years.

In Iowa City, Iowa, she was born to Quinton and Edith (Yoder) Yoder on Aug. 18, 1934. She married DeWayne Bontrager on Oct. 1, 1955, in Forks Mennonite Church, Middlebury. He survives.

Surviving in addition to her usband are two sons and aughters-in-law, Rod and Jodi Bontrager of LaGrange, and Terry and Cindy Bontrager of Topeka; a brother and sister-in-aw, Maurice A. and Doris Yoder f LaGrange; a sister, Marlene Yoder of Middlebury; and five randchildren, Tyler, Chad, Christina, Tiffany and Brittany.

Two brothers, Wallace and Donald Yoder, and her parents receded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Topeka Mennonite Church, Topeka, with he Revs. Eugene Bontrager and ohn Hockman officiating. urial will be in Maple Grove emetery, Topeka.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the DeWayne and Mertice Bontrager Endowment Fund, c/o LaGrange County Community Foundation, 109 E. Central Ave., Suite 3, LaGrange, IN 46761.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Irene Fox

AUBURN — Irene W. Fox, 91, of Auburn died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Fox

Mrs. Fox worked as a dental assistant for her husband for 16 years. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 1, 1913, in Heyworth, Ill., to Edward and Anna (Kerr) Wise.

She married Dr. Ralph S. Fox on Oct. 11, 1947. He died in 1967.

Surviving are five nieces, Susan Sawvel of Angola, Marilou Lehnert of Bowling Green, Ohio, Rosalie Griewhan of Adrian, Mich., June Cooper of Nietuchen, N.Y., and Joy Baughman of Butler; and two nephews, Jon Falter of Florida and Harold Falter of Las Vegas, Nev.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Harold, Hollis and Jon Wise, and one sister, Ester Keesburry.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. The Rev. Lloyd Bickel will officiate.

There will be no calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter or a charity of the donor's choice.

Nicholas Christopher

COLUMBIA CITY — Nicholas Timothy Christopher, 10 days, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born Nov. 9, 2004, in Indianapolis to James R. and Tara N. (Shive) Christopher.

Survivors include his brother, Noah James Christopher; grandparents Timothy and Kay Christopher of Albion; and great-grandparents Gail and Sally Martin of Columbia City and Marilyn and William Ailiff and Helen Christopher, all of Ohio.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Jack Scott of Columbia City United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Kiester Cemetery.

Calling will be after noon Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Phyllis Spencer

ORLAND — Phyllis Ann Spencer, 68, of Orland died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, at her home.

She retired from Brighton Mushroom Farm in 1996.

On May 27, 1936, in Fort Wayne, she was born to Gerald and Pauline (Crawford) Rollins.

Surviving are two sons, Dean Spencer of Kendallville, and Gary Spencer of Angola; a daughter, Brenda Bontrager of Helmer; a sister, Janet Robbins Verginya; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Randy Spencer in 1983, and Wayne Spencer in 2004, and her parents preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Father Brian Carsten officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

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Josephine Bohl Drerup

SPENCERVILLE — Josephine (Fisher) Bohl Drerup, 85, of Spencerville died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at The Cedars in Leo-Cedarville.

After completing nurse's training through Parkview Hospital, she worked as a nurse with the Red Cross during World War II. She had retired from DeKalb Memorial Hospital, where she worked as surgical supervisor and emergency room nurse.

She was a member of Spencerville United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 4, 1919, in Spencerville to Bert and Elsie (Sharp) Fisher. They preceded her in death.

In 1942 she married Donald Bohl, who preceded her in death in 1964. Her second marriage was to Albert Drerup. He died in 1990.

Surviving are two sons, Greg Bohl and Steve Bohl, both of Spencerville; three grandchildren, Wesley Bohl of Spencerville, Heidi Spalding of Auburn and Brandon Bohl of Fort Wayne; and one great-grandson, Brian Spalding of Auburn.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Lynn Fisher, in 1991.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home at Spencerville with Pastor Gerry Weesner officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital, 1316 E. Seventh St., Auburn IN 46706.

Virginia Hunnicutt

FORT WAYNE — Virginia I. "Ginny" Hunnicutt, 82, of rural Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at 8:45 a.m. at her home. She had been in failing health since March.

She was born Dec. 27, 1921, in McHenry, N.D., to Arva W. and Emma Jane (Pontzius) Stuver. She completed her education in McHenry. In 1939, her family moved to Columbia City.

On Oct. 3, 1945, she married Vaughn E. Hunnicutt. They always have made their home in Fort Wayne.

She was employed at Essex Wire for 16 years and volunteered at the American Red Cross for 15 years. Her memberships include Coventry Baptist Church on Aboite Center Road.

Surviving are her husband; two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Cindy Hunnicutt of Fort Wayne and Craig and Kelly Hunnicutt of LaOtto; and five grandchildren, Christina, Rachael, Eric, Nicholas and Alexander.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Oscar, George and Clayton Stuver, and a sister, Marie Zink.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, with Dr. John L. Blair officiating. Entombment will be at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Coventry Baptist Church or Heartland Hospice.

Esther Cunningham

SUN CITY CENTER, Fla. — Esther Cunningham, 93, died at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, at Palm Gardens Nursing Home, Sun City Center, Fla.

She had lived in Wells County for 20 years, then moved to Fort Wayne where she resided for five years. She then moved to Adams Lake and lived there for seven years before moving to Florida.

On April 17, 1911, in Allen County, she was born to Fred and Orpha (Ott) Robinson. She married Goodrich Cunningham on April 16, 1934, in Fort Wayne.

She was a 1929 graduate of Fort Wayne South Side High School, retired from G.C. Murphy's Department Store in Bluffton, and was a member of the Rebecca Lodge in Liberty Center, Ind., and the Liberty Center United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Lee Cunningham of Ruskin, Fla.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marilyn and Ralph Wilt of Wolcottville, Marjorie and John Jones of Warren, and Kay Lynn Cunningham of Ruskin, Fla.; a brother, Virgil Robinson of Paradise, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and a stepgreat-great-grandchild.

Preceding her in death were her husband, parents, a sister, Doris Carsten, and a brother, Wayne Robinson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Glancy Funeral Homes H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren, Ind., with Pastor Dick Chase officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimers Association, 227 E. Washington Blvd., Suite 301, Fort Wayne IN 46897.

Edward Tomlinson

CHURUBUSCO — Edward A. Tomlinson, 76, of rural Churubusco died at 2:10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, in the Lutheran Hospital emergency room, Fort Wayne.

He was manager of Tomlinson Shooting Supplies in Churubusco.

Born in Fairmount in Grant County, he was the son of Cecil Wesley and Amy (Helms) Tomlinson. He married Marjorie J. Ferguson in Churubusco on July 2, 1954. She survives.

He moved to southwest Allen County as a boy and graduated from Jefferson Center High School. He served with the U.S. Navy in the Korean War.

Mr. Tomlinson spent his married life in the Churubusco area and had resided in Eel River Township since 1977.

He retired from International Harvester in 1983 as a night supervisor after 34 years. Following his retirement, he worked as a truck driver for Sunrise Express in Fort Wayne for seven years, and had been the manager of Tomlinson Shooting Supplies since 1982.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Larry Frazier of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, Greggory A. and Dianne Tomlinson, and Dennis D. and Charlotte Tomlinson, all of Churubusco; a brother, James Tomlinson of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Celia Miller of Fort Wayne, and Amy and Don Suter of Onalaska, Wis.; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, three brothers, Denzel, John and Wesley Tomlinson Jr., preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with the Rev. Lane Burgland, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials for chronically ill children may be made to Victory Junction Gang Camp, 4500 Adams Way, Randleman, N.C. 27317.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at: sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Kenneth Bradley

FORT WAYNE — Kenneth W. Bradley, 90, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

A native of Noble County, he was a retired General Electric Co. toolmaker and he had worked at Farnsworth for 23 years. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 725 and the Scottish Rite and belonged to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Clara Mae Bradley of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, James R. and Marian Bradley of Auburn; a daughter, Patricia Weaver of Goshen; a great-grandson, Brenton Weaver; and a brother, John C. Bradley of Cromwell.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with burial at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Rosemary Garrison

BUTLER — Rosemary Garrison, 82, of Butler and formerly of Angola, died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb.

Mrs. Garrison was born Jan. 27, 1922, in Fine Lake, Mich., to Roland and Blanche Jean (Beachcraft) Spring. She was married to Oscar Garrison on Aug. 16, 1937, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 10, 1979.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, Steve Garrison of Pocahontas, Ill.; a daughter, Effie Jones of Angola; two sisters, Isabelle Rumsey of Nashville, Mich. and Donna Jean Hyrns of Sand Lake, Mich.; 18 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Neomi Robinson; four brothers, Earl, Roland, Cero and Lester Spring; three sisters, Violet Schram, Mae Woods and Ellen Jane Joyce; and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Block Cemetery, Salem Center.

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Helen Dove

LAKELAND, Fla. — Helen A. Dove, 93, of Lakeland, Fla., died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in Lakeland.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic faith.

She was born April 3, 1911, in Jay County, Ind. She moved to Lakeland in 1985 from Auburn.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Pepper and Pam Dove of Lakeland, Fla.; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Mort" Dove, and a sister, Ina Weikel.

Services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Bill Huffman

HOAGLAND — Bill L. Huffman, 81, of Hoagland died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004.

He had worked at International Harvester for 35 years.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret L. Huffman of Hoagland; four daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria D. and Gerald Lesperance of Valrico, Fla., Marcia L. and James Kaehr of Lagro, Cheryl K. and Bryan Sumpter of Spencerville, and Carol L. and Robert Gordon of Syracuse; a son and daughter-in-law, William D. and Kayleen Huffman of Hoagland; two brothers; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Calling will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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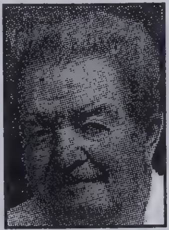
Longtime Noble County GOP leader Lewis Moser, 81, dies

LIGONIER — Lewis Moser, a leader in the Republican Party in Noble County for many decades, died Tuesday night at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was 81.


Moser

Moser, a life-long resident of the Ligonier area, served as chairman of the Noble County Republican Party for 21 years, from 1976 to 1997.

He and his wife, Georgena "Gene," celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary earlier this year. They have three children and several grandchildren.

Moser was a retired Noble County farmer, and served on the Noble County Council for eight years, and attended three Republican National Conventions as a delegate.

Following his retirement from farming, he was appointed superintendent of the Indiana Department of Highways in the Goshen district, and served in that job for nearly 13 years. Moser was also honored with two Sagamore of the Wabash awards from Indiana governors.

"He was a great guy and served his party faithfully for many years," said Ed Krause of Kendallville, current chairman of the Noble County GOP. "He always had the respect of everyone in the party."

Funeral arrangements are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Tonya Weaver

JAMESTOWN — Tonya L. Weaver, 34, of Jamestown died at 5:54 a.m. Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at Indiana University Hospital, Indianapolis, following an extended illness.

She worked as a teacher's aide at the Tri-West School for Mentally-Handicapped Children in Hendricks County, Ind., and for many years worked as an artist, producing and painting many types of crafts.

She was born in Fort Wayne to Anthony and Becky Hufnagle Sr. on Feb. 1, 1970. She married Troy Weaver on Aug. 13, 1994, on Lake Michigan in what was then the oldest working sailboat in North America. He survives.

Also surviving are her father and stepmother, Anthony and Phyllis Hufnagle of Millersburg; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Tim and Tabatha Hufnagle of White Pigeon, Mich., and Tony and Ruth Hufnagle of Elkhart; and three dogs and two cats she considered her children.

Preceding her in death were her mother, Becky Hufnagle, on April 11, 1999, and a brother, Tyler Hufnagle, on Sept. 12, 1996, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dexter Garmon officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be noon to the time of services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with corrected information.*

Barbara Rastenburg

LAFAYETTE — Barbara Ann Rastenburg, 68, of Lafayette died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, at 9:03 a.m. at Home Hospital in Lafayette from a lifelong disability.

She had worked at Wabash Center in Lafayette.

She was born Sept. 7, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Rudy and Nellie Lois Irvin Rastenburg. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are her sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Robert "Butch" Worthington of Lafayette.

Graveside services were Monday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with the Rev. John Erwin officiating.

Memorials are to Mentor of Indiana, 656 N. 36th St., Lafayette, IN 47905.

Sharon Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Sharon Sue Miller of Shipshewana was stillborn at 4:59 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Surviving are her parents, Richard Lee and Esther (Troyer) Miller of Shipshewana; maternal grandparents, Eli and Ruby Troyer of Middlebury; paternal grandparents, LeRoy and Irene Miller of Shipshewana; and a great-grandmother, Elizabeth Miller of Shipshewana.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Lehman Cemetery, Shipshewana, with Bishop Erwin C. Miller of the Old Order Amish Church officiating.

Pallbearers will be David Troyer and Howard Yoder.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

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M. Louise Middaugh

GARRETT — M. Louise Middaugh, 88, formerly of Huntertown died at 4:20 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett. She had been in failing health for some time, and had been a nursing home resident for two years.

On Feb. 19, 1916, in Noble County, she was born to Charles W. and Georgia L. (Bradley) Richards.

She spent her formative years in rural Noble County and graduated from LaOtto High School.

Mrs. Middaugh spent her adult life in the Huntertown area where she worked as a cook at Huntertown Elementary School for 10 years. She was a member of the Carroll Community Worship Center (Anderson Mennonite Church).

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marcia and Nick Schweitzer of Fort Wayne, Carol and Paul Queen of Huntertown, and Rhonda Listenberger of Garrett; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Raymond and Elizabeth Richards of Fort Wayne, and Charles Richards Jr. of Quincy, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Clifford J. Middaugh, on June 17, 1973; a daughter, Jeannean Raines in 1995; three sons, David C. Middaugh in 1988, Kenneth Middaugh in 1944 and Karl Middaugh; and four brothers, Billie M., Robert, Albert and Sheldon Richards.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Verlin Haarer, pastor of Carroll Community Worship Center, officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at: sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Jocelyn Miller

FORT MYERS, FLA. — Jocelyn "Jeri" Miller, 73, of Fort Myers, Fla., died Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at Tampa General Hospital.

She worked as a volunteer at the Fort Myers Hospital.

She was born Nov. 1, 1931, to Harry and Juanita Greenock. Both parents preceded her in death.

She married Edward Miller, who also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen Sechler-Linn and Randy Linn; two sons, David Sechler and Craig Sechler; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Debbie and Gary Hildebrand, Becky and Dennis Drury and Vicki and Steve Craig; five grandchildren; and six step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Tony Sechler.

Burial will be at Concordia Cemetery in Fort Wayne. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Leader Dogs for the Blind or Ronald McDonald House.

Lorell Smith

KIMMELL — Lorell I. Smith, 79, of Kimmell died at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at her residence.

Mrs. Smith

She was a homemaker, a foster parent and tupperware dealer, and enjoyed bingo and her flower garden.

On March 25, 1925, in Deluth, Mo., she was born to Arlan and Julia (Weiterholt) Stine. She married James M. Smith on Oct. 29, 1949, in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Surviving in addition to her husband are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry and Russell Jackson of Kimmell, Shirley and Wiley Miller of Phoenix, Ariz., and Susan and Doug Grosskean of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Lou, Cliff and Bob Stine, all of Fort Wayne, and Earl Stine of Auburn; two sisters, Pearl Kaporowicz and Arlen Kieffer, both of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Her parents, two sons and a brother, Don, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Whitley County Hospice.

Marie Mason

KENDALLVILLE — Marie A. (Stockman) Mason, 87, formerly of Huntertown, died at 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, in the Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville, where she had been a patient for over a year.

Mrs. Mason

In South Bend on Aug. 30, 1917, she was born to Seth and Gail (Amones) Stockman. In 1962 she married Clifford Mason, who preceded her in death in 1970.

She moved from South Bend to Plymouth where she graduated from Plymouth High School in 1935. She lived in Fort Wayne for 25 years, Clearwater, Fla., for 23 years and Fort Worth, Texas, for eight years before moving to Huntertown.

Mrs. Mason worked as an accountant for several companies.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Terry N. and Pat Fosnaugh of Huntertown, and C. Rex and Helen Fosnaugh of Angola; two stepsons, Adrian Mason of Fort Wayne, and Walter Mason of Alaska; a stepdaughter, Linda Giles of Fort Wayne; a brother, Richard O. Stockman of Jackson, Mich.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Eleanor and J.M. Moody and Louise and Alan Goodwin, all of Fort Wayne, and Phyllis Johnson of Bedford, Texas; 12 grandchildren; 17-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Dr. David Michel officiating. A graveside service will follow at 4 p.m. in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, rural Bourbon.

Calling will be from noon until the services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at: sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Thomas Kraft

FORT WAYNE — Thomas W. Kraft, 70, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

He had retired after 33 years of service with General Electric Co. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict and a graduate of Central Catholic School.

Surviving are two sisters, Marianne Johnson of Garrett and Susan Furniss of Fort Wayne; a brother, Dan Kraft of Fort Wayne; and 13 nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, William and Mary Kraft; and a brother, Richard Kraft.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m.at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church with prayers at 9:30 a.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St.

Calling will be from 6 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.

Lawrence Lung

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. — Lawrence "Pete" H. Lung, 78, of Bonita Springs died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004.

He was a former resident of Garrett.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

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Nicholas Christopher

COLUMBIA CITY — Nicholas Timothy Christopher, 10 days, of Columbia City died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born Nov. 9, 2004, in Indianapolis, the son of James R. and Tara N. (Shive) Christopher.

Surviving relatives include his brother, Noah James Christopher; grandparents, Timothy and Kathy Christopher of Albion; and great grandparents, Gail and Sally Martin of Columbia City, Marilyn and William Ailiff of Ohio and Helen Christopher of Ohio.

Services were Monday, November 22, 2004, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Rev. Jack Scott, Pastor of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiated. The burial was in Keister Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Doris Rimmel

ALBION – Doris Rimmel 81, of Albion, died November 12, 2004, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born June 17, 1923 in Auburn and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Albion. She was the daughter of Gerald "GN" Grover and Ethel (Snyder) Grover both deceased. She married Max A Rimmel January 30, 1946, in the St. Marks Lutheran Church, Albion. Mr. Rimmel passed away February 7, 1996.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Deborah Navabi of Chicago, IL and Patricia Towfighi of Indianapolis; 3 grandchildren, Joseph and Alexander Towfighi, and Sussan Navabi; and 2 sisters, Frances Thomas of Albion and Patricia King of Florida.

Private graveside services will be held Friday, November 26, 2004, with the Rev. Doug Keenan officiating. **Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial celebration at Cobble Stone Country Club on Drake Road, Kendallville, IN on Friday, November 26, 2004 from 3-5 pm.**

Preferred memorials are to the National Federation for the Blind.

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In memory of Caitlyn

Mom establishes scholarship fund in daughter's honor

LIGONIER — The Caitlyn Marie Halferty Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established by Caitlyn's mother, Cindy Whitton of Wawaka.

Caitlyn was only seven years old when she died unexpectedly in December of 2003 of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Caitlyn loved swimming and was energetic and active in mini 4-H, softball, bowling, basketball, in her church and summer reading programs. She was in the second grade at Ligonier Elementary School.

The scholarship in her honor is one of three new ones recently approved by the Noble County Community Foundation.

Caitlyn's scholarship is being established to begin benefitting students who graduate from West Noble High School in 2014, which would have been her graduating class. It is designed for those who are pursuing post secondary education, are well-rounded and attended Ligonier Elementary School, with preference being given to the student who ranks seventh in the class.

After 2014, the scholarship will go to a well-rounded West Noble High School senior regardless of what elementary school they attended, with preference continuing to go to a student who ranks seventh.

Other new scholarship funds being administered by the foundation include one started by the family of Kristy Ann Campbell. They have started the Kris Campbell "Any Dream Will Do" Scholarship Fund in memory of Kris who lost an 18-month battle with cancer.

The other new fund is from the Noble County Retired Teachers' Association Scholarship Fund in Memory of Deceased Teachers. It is for a Noble County resident who has earned a high school diploma or equivalent, has a need for assistance, and has enrolled in a certified Indiana post-high-school educational program.

Call the community foundation at 894-3335 for details on how to make contributions.

Photo contributed

Caitlyn Halferty was active in many school and sports activities before her young life was cut short.

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Corga Wallen

WOLCOTTVILLE — Corga Wallen, 82, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Wallen had been employed for 38 years at Newnam Foundry.

He was also a pastor and assistant pastor for many years with the Baptist Church in Stockbridge, Mich.

Mr. Wallen was a U.S. Army veteran. He served in combat duty in the 80th Infantry Division, 314th Field Artillery Platoon in Germany from December 1942 until January 1946. He was awarded the Citation medal.

He was born July 11, 1922, in Garrett, Ky., to Floyd and Lydia (Conley) Wallen. On Oct. 7, 1972, in Stockbridge, he married Ersel Moore. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Billy and Susie Wallen of Yukon, Okla., and Danny Wallen of Toledo, Ohio; four stepchildren, Bill Allen of Jackson, Mich., Michael Allen of Parma, Mich., Della England of Concord, Mich., and Rex Allen of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a brother and sister-in-law, Cordus and Lorraine Wallen of Rome City; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Hadney Clevenger of Ligonier, Analean and Edward Perkins of Kendallville and Yvonne Jones of Kimmell; a granddaughter, Melissa Peterson; nine stepgrandchildren; and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Darrell Wallen; a brother, Burley Wallen; and two sisters, Beatrice Bailey and Janivee Sawyer.

Miguel Cervantes

INDIANAPOLIS — Miguel Angel "Mikel" Cervantes, 12, formerly of Goshen, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Miguel Cervantes

Born on June 27, 1992, in Goshen, he was the son of Elia Ramirez of Indianapolis and Jorge Cervantes of Warsaw.

He was a sixth-grade student and a member of Ebenecer Assembly of God in Indianapolis.

Surviving are his parents; maternal grandparents, Elida and Jesus Hernandez of Milford; two sisters, Veronica Hernandez and Marissa Hernandez, both of Indianapolis; and one brother, Brian Ramirez of Indianapolis.

Services were last weeks at the Iglesia Sinai Asamblea de Dios en Goshen with Pastor Noe Campos officiating.

Memorial contributions are to the family.

Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen was in charge of arrangements.

Services were Friday at True Church of God on S.R. 3 north of South Milford with Pastor Billy Fields officiating. Burial was in Brushey Chapel Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Bradley

FORT WAYNE — Kenneth W. Bradley, 90, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

A native of Noble County, he was a retired General Electric Co. toolmaker and he had worked at Farnsworth for 23 years. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 725 and the Scottish Rite and belonged to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Clara Mae Bradley of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, James R. and Marian Bradley of Auburn; a daughter, Patricia Weaver of Goshen; a great-grandson, Brenton Weaver; and a brother, John C. Bradley of Cromwell.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with burial at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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Levi Bontrager

MILLERSBURG — Levi D. Bontrager, 90, of rural Millersburg, died at his home Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at 6 a.m.

A lifetime resident of LaGrange County, Mr. Bontrager was a retired farmer and still operated a cabinet shop at the time of his death. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Jan. 1, 1914, in LaGrange County to David R. and Lydia (Christner) Bontrager.

He married Elizabeth Schlabach on Feb. 23, 1939. She preceded him in death Aug. 24, 1989.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Floyd and Ruby Bontrager and David and Kate Bontrager, all of Middlebury, Alvin and Amanda Bontrager of Topeka, and Harley and Katie Bontrager and Ernest and Vera Bontrager, all of Millersburg; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Esther and John Yoder of Shipshewana, Orpha and Wilbur Eash of Purdin, Mo., Alice and Al N. Miller of Millersburg, Mabel Miller and Ervin Miller Jr. of Topeka and Edna Bowser of LaGrange; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Lizzie and Joe Frey of Topeka, Katie and Dan Beechy of Gladwin, Mich., and Mary Lehman of Ligonier; 102 grandchildren, 292 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; a son, John, in May 1989; a brother, Amos; a sister, Amanda; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday at the residence of Orva D. Borntrager, Millersburg, with the Rev. Dennis Troyer and the Rev. Anthony Yoder officiating.

Calling was at the family residence in Millersburg.

Burial was in Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka with pallbearers Orva D. Borntrager, Myron Miller, Jacob Lambright and Eugene Bontrager.

Lewis Moser

FORT WAYNE — Lewis L. Moser, 81, of Ligonier died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at 9:20 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Moser

Mr. Moser was a retired dairy farmer and Indiana State Highway Department employee who served as superintendent of the Goshen District.

He was a charter member of the Ligonier Lions Club, and a member of the Masonic Lodge 185, Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and the Ligonier Elks Lodge 451. He was a chairman of the Noble County Republican Central Committee for 21 years and a member of the Republican National Committee and Republican National Congressional Committee. He attended Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

He was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash from both Gov. Otis Bowen and Gov. Robert Orr.

Mr. Moser was born April 12, 1923, in Lynn Grove to Albert F. and Clara (Meshberger) Moser.

He married Georgena "Gene" E. Miller on June 25, 1944, in Goshen. She survives.

Mr. Moser is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, David L. and Gail Moser of Ligonier; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Rebecca and Bob Foote of Stockton, Calif., Laura Brattain of Victor, Idaho, Julie and Tim Byer of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Eugene and Elizabeth Moser of Syracuse; and nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary Johnson; brothers George, Albert, Carl Jr., Robert, Warren and Grant.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Ligonier Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Stan Wilson officiating. A Masonic service will be 8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Shriner Hospitals for Children or the Ligonier Historical Society.

Hugh Reamer

ANGOLA — Hugh Charles Granger Reamer, 29, of Angola died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, in Angola.

Mr. Reamer enjoyed the outdoors, with special interest in hunting and trapping.

He worked for Pyramid Excavating in Auburn.

He was born on Nov. 23, 1975, in Naples, Fla., to Hugh G. Reamer and Lisa Phelan Munger.

He is survived by his wife, Rachael Rose Reamer of Angola; his mother and step-father, Gregory Munger of Angola; a grandmother, Daphne Reamer of Montgomery, Ala.; a grandfather, R. Bruce Phelan of Estero, Fla.; a son, Hugh Charles Granger Reamer of Angola; two daughters, Madilyn Renea Rose Reamer and Layla Sage Reamer both of Angola; and three sisters, Jessica Frye, Kyra Pelletier and Alyssa Munger, all of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family care of Lisa Munger.

Eloise Norris

LAGRANGE — Eloise R. Norris, 85, of LaGrange, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, at life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Norris was a former co-owner of Combined Agency in LaGrange and worked at the cafeteria at Parkside Elementary School. She also worked at the United Methodist Church nursery school. She was a volunteer at LaGrange Community Hospital and a member of the Alumni Chapter of Delta Theta Tau.

She was a life-long resident of LaGrange County, where she was born in Brighton to Myron and Mabel (Horner) Long on Feb. 8, 1919.

She married W. Victor Norris on Oct. 19, 1942. He preceded her in death on April 6, 1985.

Mrs. Norris is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, James R. and Sharon Norris of LaGrange; two granddaughters, Amy Norris of LaGrange and Jennifer Barher and her husband Troy of LaGrange; and two great-granddaughters, Kaeden and Quinn Barker of LaGrange.

She was also preceded in death by one son, John R. Norris on March 12, 1978; and one brother, the Rev. John Long on Oct. 18, 1997.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Brighton Chapel with the Rev. Jeremy Helmuth officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorial are to Brighton Chapel or the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

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Nancy Hedgcock

INDIANAPOLIS — Nancy Lou Hedgcock, 66, of Frankfort died at 1:27 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis following a six-week illness.

She spent 37 years as a librarian at the Indianapolis Public Library, retiring in 1996. She spent the past 10 years living in Frankfort where she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Clinton County Historical Society, the Frankfort County Club, Psi Iota Xi and the Ambassadair Travel Club. She participated in a variety of community activities.

She was a 1955 graduate of Frankfort High School, a 1957 graduate of Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., and a 1959 Texas Women's University graduate.

She was born March 11, 1938 in Frankfort to Dr. Robert A. and Louise (Crowder) Hedgcock. They preceded her in death.

She is survived by a sister, Barbara Sue Werner of Wolcottville; two nieces, Mary and her husband, Michael, Christmas and Beverly Werner, all of Kalamazoo, Mich.; one nephew, Robert Werner of Clearwater, Fla.; and one great-niece, Rylie Christmas.

Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Goodwin Funeral Home with Tom Jameson, Michael Christmas and Jill Carroll officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Bunnell Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Clinton County Cancer Fund.

Online condolences may be made at www.goodwinfuneralhom.com.

George Walker

ARCOLA — George B. Walker, 93, of Arcola, died at his home Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at 9:15 a.m.

Mr. Walker was an active member of the Arcola community and a founding member of the Acrola Fire Department. He was a regular participant in the tractor pull.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Phyllis (Moore) Walker; a brother, Roy Walker of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister, Mildred Gillette of Fort Wayne; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Jerry of Fort Wayne, Richard and Cindy of Columbia City, and Tom and Sandy and David and Linda of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Darlene and Ed Strack of Denver, Colo., and Dianne and Steve Hilger of Noblesville; 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Arcola.

Calling will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday preceding mass and Friday from 2 to 4 and from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mungovan and Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., Arcola.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 11116, Fort Wayne.

Shirley Durham

LIGONIER — Shirley J. Durham, 61, of Ligonier died at 4:40 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Mrs. Durham

She was a lifetime area resident.

On June 23, 1943, in Goshen, she was born to Robert B. and Jeanne A. (Miller) Miller. She married Robert B. Durham on Jan. 20, 1963, in Ligonier. He survives.

She had worked in production for Goshen Rubber Company for 26 years, and also for Superior Sample and Cromwell State Bank.

Mrs. Durham was a member of Faith Christian Center, Goshen, and had been a member of the Ligonier Park Board, had taught Sunday School and been a volunteer for the church prayer line.

She enjoyed attending her grandchildren's sporting events, helped others come to the Lord by witnessing, and enjoyed reading.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert B. Jr. and Lisa Durham, Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline A. and Michael Dancy, Ligonier; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert Dale and Patty Miller, Clarksville, and Jerry L. and Barbara Miller, Goshen; a step-brother, LaMar Kitson, Goshen; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lou and Scott Hayden, Indianapolis; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a step-mother, Marie Miller, Ligonier.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Goshen General Hospital Foundation.

Cecil Kimmell

COLUMBIA CITY — Cecil W. Kimmell, 75, of Leesburg, Fla., a former Columbia City resident, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004, in Waterman Hospital, Leesburg.

He was a retired U.S. Army sergeant, worked with the Heavy Equipment Operators 103 and was a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks 1417, American Legion Post 98 and V.F.W.

On April 5, 1929, he was born in LaGrange, to Paul and Pauline (Grundan) Kimmell.

He spent his formative years in Brimfield.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rainer and Tina Kimmell, Fort Wayne, and Andrew and Iva Kimmell, Waldorf, Md.; eight sisters, Jeannie Kimmell, Sandra Groves, Lavorna Fulk, Betty Smith, Bea Bahls, Phyllis Cole, Sharon Karlstadt and Ola Crain; a brother, Frank Kimmell; and four grandchildren.

A brother, John Kimmell, and his parents preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Calling from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Madelyn Gordon

AUBURN — Madelyn C. Gordon, 92, of Auburn, died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004.

Arrangements are being handled by Advantage Funeral and Cremation Services of Fort Wayne.

Bounhieng Vongpraseuth

FORT WAYNE — Bounhieng Johnlive Vongpraseuth, 69, of Fort Wayne died at 7:22 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Vongpraseuth

He was born July 10, 1935, in Champasack, Laos, to Oun and Vaney (Somvaught) Vongpraseuth. His formative years were spent in a Buddhist temple, where he was trained as a Buddhist priest and monk. He later served as a lieutenant in the Laos military for 15 years and worked as a mechanic and assistant.

He was married to Baysy Masone on May 20, 1962. He spent a short period in Thailand before moving to Fort Wayne.

Since moving to America on April 12, 1980, being sponsored by Faith Baptist Center, Mr. Vongpraseuth worked in laundry services at The Town House Retirement Center, did commercial cleaning and later worked for Classic Trophy Company.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Bounly Gienkome Graham of Fort Wayne; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Daosay Khamsay and Phaengsy Joy Vongpraseuth, Phoaxy Vongpraseuth and Laothong Sombou Vongpraseuth, all of Fort Wayne; three sisters in Laos; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Khown Vongpraseuth, in 1985.

Services will be 3 p.m. Sunday at Faith Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. Pastor Dennis W. Roberts will officiate.

Cremation will be 8:30 a.m. Monday at Northern Indiana Crematory in Fort Wayne. Interment will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens at a later date.

Calling will be 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the church, with an open luncheon at the church at 12:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Faith Baptist Church.

Arrangements are by Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Man backs over, kills Warsaw woman

WARSAW, Ind. (AP) — A man backing his truck out of a driveway accidentally struck and killed an 82-year-old woman Friday evening as she was walking to her mailbox.

Brian A. Meck, 38, said he did not see Elnoria E. Worth walk onto the driveway about 6:30 p.m. just as he was backing up his pickup truck to leave a home in Warsaw.

Worth was taken to Kosciusko Community Hospital, where she was pronounced dead from internal injuries, according to a news release from the Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department.

Police said Worth's death remains under investigation.

Earl Diehl

ANGOLA — Earl C. Diehl Jr., 76, of Angola died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004, in Orland.

He was born May 29, 1928, in Beaverdale, Pa., to Earl and Gladys (Richey) Diehl. He married Betty J. Rowles. She survives.

Mr. Diehl

Before retirement in 1990, Mr. Diehl was employed at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola for 26 years. A former resident of Clear Lake, Fremont and Orland, he enjoyed fishing at Clear Lake and reading Western books.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Pam and Jim Detrich of Pennsylvania, Linda Diehl of Angola, Bonnie and Walter Williams of Angola and Karen and Roger Weimer of Orland; three sons and daughters-in-law, Earl and Earlene Diehl and Gary and Kendra Diehl, all of Fremont, and Larry and Cathy Diehl of LaGrange; three sisters, Twilet Corle, Pearl Calderon and Velma Estep, all of Pennsylvania; two brothers, Forrest Diehl and Glenn Diehl, both of Pennsylvania; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Darrell Diehl, and a great-granddaughter, Karissa Diehl.

Services will be private. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to American Cancer Society.

Dean Konger

FORT WAYNE — Dean T. Konger, 67, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Before retirement in 1999, Mr. Konger worked at Raytheon Systems for 15 years. He was previously employed by International Harvester for 24 years.

He was vice president and board member of trustees of IHAA softball and coached IHAA softball, men's slow-pitch softball, girls and boys CYO basketball, girls softball and P.A.L. football for over 22 years. He was an honorary lifetime member of F.O.P., Kendallville Elks 1194 and commissioner board of directors of P.A.L.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Nash Konger; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin and Melody Konger and Brian and Sherry Konger; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Tina and Gary Lewis, Tammy Schillace, Terri and Bill McEvoy and Molly and Mike Miller; three stepchildren and their spouses, Lisa and Chris Mackin, Jonathan Nash and Jenny and Brad Kamman; a sister and brother-in-law, Corene and Richard Rooney; 12 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, with prayers at 9:15 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday with a vigil service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to P.A.L. or Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

Geraldine Tubbs

ANGOLA — Geraldine G. Tubbs, 93, of Angola died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Tubbs was born Aug. 17, 1911, in Adams County, the daughter of Marion E. and Gertrude (Bright) Johnson.

On Oct. 14, 1930, she married Argen Clair Tubbs, who prededed her in death on Dec. 18, 1985.

She was a member of the Orland Church of the Nazarene and she taught the Good News Bible Club and was a Sunday school teacher at the Ashley-Hudson Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, David Tubbs, Hudson, Philip and Norma Tubbs, Munster, and the Rev. Paul and Lue Tubbs, Berne; a daughter, Elisabeth Ann Tubbs, Angola; and 19 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Grace Tubbs; and two sisters, Gladys Blackburn and Lucile Metcalf.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Live Divine Baptist Church, Ashley, with the Rev. Paul Tubbs and the Rev. Rodger Strong officiating.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism, the Steuben County Council on Aging or Nazarene World Missions.

Ricky Fugate

HUDSON — Ricky L. Fugate, 50, of Hudson, died at 4:35 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at home. Funeral services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Mary Emrick

ANGOLA — Mary Emrick, 87, of Angola died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004.

Mrs. Emrick

She taught public school in Steuben and LaGrange counties for 33 years and worked as a substitute teacher 11 years, with an emphasis on working with handicapped students. She gave private piano and voice lessons and worked as a private tutor for many years. She was a member of the Assembly of God church, the National Educators Association, the Indiana State Teachers Association and the Steuben County Retired Teachers Association.

She was born Jan. 11, 1917 in LaGrange County to Harley and Ona (Bailey) Longcor. She graduated from Topeka High School in 1934, and attended college at Ball State College, Goshen College, Indiana University at Fort Wayne, St. Mary's University at Notre Dame and St. Francis College in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter, Beth Emrick of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Ralph Allen and Diane Emrick; and three grandchildren, Lucas, Clint and Gina.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, in 1996; a brother, Ray, in 1931; and a sister, Ruth, in 1984.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the Angola Assembly of God, with the Rev. Darold Beck officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Memorials are to Angola Assembly of God or Rehabilitative and Industrial Services Enterprise (RISE), Inc.

Jennifer Chupp

GOSHEN — Jennifer Dawn Chupp, 17 months, of Goshen died at 2:35 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, in Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born June 15, 2003, in Indianapolis to Gary and Lisa (Schwartz) Chupp of Goshen. They survive.

Also surviving are two brothers, Jesse Alan Chupp and Jonathan Lynn Chupp, both at home; a sister, Jane Marie Chupp, at home; grandparents, Chris and Betty (Yoder) Schwartz of Goshen, Melvin and Loretta (Miller) Chupp of Sarasota, Fla., and Mary E. Miller of Topeka; a stepgreat-grandmother, Rosa Eicher of Grabill; three uncles; and six aunts.

Services will be 9:30 a.m. Monday at the family residence, 69140 C.R. 35, Goshen. Bishop LeRoy Nisley of the Old Order Amish Church will officiate.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family residence.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury.

George Schieferstein

FREMONT — George J. Schieferstein, 57, formerly of Fremont, died Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schieferstein is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Robert Powers of Temperance, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Jeanne Schieferstein of Bunker Hill, W.Va.; and three grandchildren, Angela Lynn, Robert Bradly Jr. and Danielle Powers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Teresa A. (Bair) Schieferstein.

A memorial gathering will be from 3-6 p.m. Monday at Four Corners Party Store in Fremont.

Reeb Funeral Home of Sylvania, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

CORUNNA — Services for **Richard Smith** were held Saturday, Nov. 20, at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Corunna. The Rev. Al Wingfield officiated. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery at a later date. Honorary pallbearers were Mike Smith, Jeff Smith, Mike Kavat, Bud Ramer, Ty Smith, Matt Foster, Ray Kimmell and James Curtis Smith.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Augusta Mosley** were held Friday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Pastors Charles Mosley and Willie Collins officiated. Burial was in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Pallbearers were James Messer, Marvin Messer, Timothy Messer, H. Wayne Messer, Paul Smith and Ray Dykstra.

Robert Boyd

BLOOMINGTON — Robert Lowell Boyd, 88, of Bloomington and formerly of Kokomo, died at home on Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004.

From 1980 to 1998, Mr. Boyd lived on Lake James in Angola. He moved to Meadow Wood Retirement Community in Bloomington in 1998. He and his wife also maintained a condominium on Sea Grove Beach, Fla.

Mr. Boyd was born June 22, 1916, in Bedford, to Lowell T. and Lela (Todd) Boyd. He married Lynn Gatti on Aug. 30, 1980, at Lake James, and she survives.

He was a 1934 graduate of Kokomo High School, and a 1938 graduate of Indiana University School of Business with a bachelor of arts degree in finance. He became a certified life underwriter in 1951.

He was a general agent for Equitable Life Insurance Co. of Iowa for 35 years, retiring in 1981.

During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps as a pilot. He was an instructor pilot and head of base operations in Tuskegee, Ala., from 1941 until 1946. During the Korean War, he was recalled to active duty in the U.S. Air Force and served from 1951 to 1953. He then became a member of the Indiana National Guard, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

He was a life member of the First Christian Church in Kokomo and the Indiana Alumni Association. He was also a member of Rotary International, the American Legion, Hoosier Hundred of Indiana University Varsity Club, Indiana University School of Business Alumni Association, Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236, Scottish Rite of Indianapolis, The Kokomo Underwriters Association, Indiana Insurance Leadership Club, and was a board member and past president of the YMCA. He served on many boards and was instrumental in acquiring land for the present-day IU-K, in addition to raising funds for his church and alma mater.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara Lee Copland of Rifle, Colo., and Carolyn Irene and Dr. Richard Kiovesky of Noblesville; a son, Robert Hunt Boyd of Carbondale, Colo.; three grandchildren, Kelly, Jodi and Scott Kiovesky, all of Noblesville; a stepdaughter, Dawn Laurel Rowland of San Luise Obispo, Calif.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Dr. David Lee and Dr. Judy Rowland of North Reddington Beach, Fla.; a stepgrandson, Brackman Joseph Rowland of North Reddington Beach; a sister, Alice Hodgdon of Williamsburg, Va.; and three nephews, Todd, Matthew and Thad Hodgdon.

Memorial services will be in late spring, with details announced at a later date.

Memorials are to First Christian Church, 854 N. Malfalfa Road, Kokomo, IN 46901; Alzheimer's Association of Indiana, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46209-7109; or Hospice of Bloomington Hospital, PO Box 1149, Bloomington, IN 47402; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were handled by Fenn & Shirley Mortuary, Kokomo.

Elizabeth Teders

AVILLA — Elizabeth "Betty" Teders, 71, a lifetime resident of Avilla, died Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at her sister's home in Avilla.

Mrs. Teders was born July 10, 1932, in Avilla to Joseph and Beatrice E. (Kreienbrink) Teders.

She worked at Stanadyne in Garrett for 25 years, and Pent Assembly for five years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rosary Society, and Right to Life.

Her hobbies included needlepoint, crafts and birds.

Surviving are three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Leo Teders and Herman and Harriet Teders, all of Avilla, and Henry and Shirley Teders of West Bend, Wis.; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Theresa and Francis Meyer and Alice Meyer, all of Avilla, Henrietta and Robert Harris of LaOtto and Lucy and Michael Higginbotham of Wolcottville; 32 nieces; 32 nephews; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Ann Fike.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dan Durkin officiating. Calling is today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with rosary services at 8 p.m., and also one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Memorials are to masses to the church or Parkview Hospice.

Dallas Leitch

KENDALLVILLE — Dallas C. Leitch, 97, a former resident of Albion, died Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been taken to the hospital from Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville, where he had resided for the past three years.

Mr. Leitch

Mr. Leitch was born Jan. 18, 1907, in Allen County, to James H. and Ottie (Duglay) Leitch. He was married to Mary E. Kesling on Sept. 6, 1926, in Green Township. She preceded him in death on June 15, 1995.

The Leitches lived in Green Township in Noble County following their marriage, and later lived at Adams Lake for several years. They moved to Albion in 1980, and spent winters in Sebring, Fla. for 10 years until 1990.

He was an inspector for Phelps Dodge Magnet Wire Co. in Fort Wayne, and retired from there in 1972 after 28 years. He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Leo and Josie Leitch of Bay City, Mich., Willard and Effie Leitch of Pineville, La., Ray and Barbara Leitch of Danville, Iowa, Richard and Nancy Leitch of Fort Wayne and Daniel and Kim Leitch of Ocala, Fla.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Frieda Leach of Garrett, Marcille and Joseph Leatherman of Albion and Rosalie and Keith Johnson of Elkhart; three sisters, Gladys Strong of Bryant, Ruth Troyer of LaOtto and Mary Runyon of Albion; 38 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, James Leitch and Wilmer G. Leitch, and two daughters, Mary Leitch and Joan Houser.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Daniel Barker of Trinity United Methodist Church officiating. Calling is Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. or one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

Rosemary Craig

ANGOLA — Rosemary Craig, 87, of Angola died Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Craig was born in Defiance County, Ohio, on July 19, 1917, to Otto and Ruth (Speaker) Bender. She was married to Robert Craig, who preceded her in death in 1981.

She was a production worker at General Electric in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge, Angola American Legion Post No. 31 Auxiliary and the Angola Eagles Lodge.

Surviving are two cousins, Mary Beltz of Sherwood, Ohio, and Gertrude Prince of Edon, Ohio.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Riverside Cemetery in Defiance, with the Rev. Ted Ramey officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home, Defiance, is in charge of arrangements.

Marion Hollis

GARRETT — Marion J. Hollis, 81, a lifetime resident of Garrett, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, in Garrett.

Mr. Hollis was born Jan. 24, 1923, in Ege, to Joseph H. and Isabel (Campbell) Hollis. He married Audrey G. Toolman on July 28, 1947, in Kendallville, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 5, 2004.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. He worked as a mechanic at the Auburn Service Center for many years before retiring in 1993. He was a member of Garrett American Legion Post No. 178.

Surviving are a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Bonnie and Joe Cole of Garrett; five grandsons and three granddaughters-in-law, Dave and Beth Cole, Bob and Joni Cole, Matt and Abby Cole and Mike Cole, all of Garrett, and Tom Cole of Lafayette, La.; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Amanda and Tim Hebauf of Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Forrest and Betty Hollis of Garrett; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Dolores Frymier of Kendallville and Donna and Charles Fike of Garrett; nine great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Francis Hollis, and a sister, Katherine Thomas.

Private family services will be Monday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Private family calling will also be held.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Military graveside services will be conducted by members of Garrett American Legion Post No. 178.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice.

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NOVEMBER 28 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

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Surviving are a daughter, Beth Emrick of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Ralph Allen and Diane Emrick; and three grandchildren, Lucas, Clint and Gina.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, in 1996; a brother, Ray, in 1931; and a sister, Ruth, in 1984.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the Angola Assembly of God, with the Rev. Darold Beck officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, and also one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to Angola Assembly of God or Rehabilitative and Industrial Services Enterprise (RISE), Inc.

Ricky Fugate

HUDSON — Ricky L. (Primo) Fugate, 50, of Hudson died Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at home.

Mr. Fugate was born in Auburn on July 1, 1954, to Clarence and Helen (Roop) Fugate. He married Ann Sanders on Nov. 23, 1992, and she survives.

He was a member of the Scorpion Bike Club and New Hope Pentecostal Church.

Also surviving are three sons, Kory and Kody Fugate of Hudson and Jade Blevins of Japan; two daughters, Kandi Fugate of Hudson and Terra McCullough of Auburn; his mother, Helen Fugate of Auburn; two brothers, the Rev. Allen Fugate of Albion and Terry Fugate of Garrett; a sister, Karen Jerome of Yuma, Ariz.; and two grandchildren, Caleb and Loran McCullough.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Laura Ann Fugate.

Services will be 7 p.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Allen Fugate officiating. Calling is Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

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Hunter shot when dropped gun fires

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HOWE — A 17-year-old Howe boy was accidentally shot in the foot and leg while hunting for deer from a tree stand Friday evening.

Conservation officer Bob Duff said today the teen, whose name has not been released, underwent surgery Sunday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne and is in fair condition.

Duff said the teen dropped a firearm from the tree stand in which he was sitting at about 6 p.m. When the gun hit the ground, it discharged a round that struck the teen in the left foot and right leg. Duff said the teen was on

Duff said the incident occured on private land near C.R. 1060E and C.R. 700N, east of Howe. He said the teen was alone, but other people were in the vicinity.

This is the third hunting accident in LaGrange County this hunting season. All three hunting accident victims have been LaGrange County residents and had hunted previously, Duff said.

"Unfortunately, this is more than we've had in a long time," Duff said.

Jack Stanley

KENDALLVILLE — Jack Stanley, 64, of Bulan, Ky., died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stanley was a restaurant cook. He had received his GED and went on to receive bachelor's and master's degrees. He was a member of True Church of God in Jesus Name in Kendallville.

Mr. Stanley was born Aug. 19, 1940, in War, W.Va., to Zeb and Ollie (Hicks) Stanley.

Surviving are his ex-wife, Irene Stanley of Columbia City; three daughters and a son-in-law, Donita and Leonard Luna of Bulan, Jackie Stanley of Chicago and Tammy Robinson of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Teddy Ray and Christine Stanley of Columbia City; a brother, Howard Stanley of Brimfield; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by six brothers; three sisters; and a granddaughter.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at True Church of God in Jesus Name in Kendallville with Pastor Howard "Sonny" Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Brimfield.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com. Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Military graveside services were conducted by members of Garrett American Legion Post No. 178.

Acile Butz

NAPLES, Fla. — Angola native Acile K. Butz, 81, of Naples, Fla., died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004, in Naples.

Mr. Butz was born in Angola on April 16, 1923, to Willard and Flossie (King) Butz. He had lived in Naples since 1957.

He was a professional cabinet builder. He was employed by Bakers Custom Cabinets of Naples and retired from there after 35 years of service.

His hobbies were raising tropical birds and building and flying remote-controlled airplanes.

Surviving are his wife, Lysa; four daughters, Brigette Butz of Naples, Judy Rudolph and Shirley Hunt, both of Brandon, Fla., and Barbara Fletcher of Seffer, Fla.; and a brother, Kenny Butz of Angola.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at the Miracle Harbor Tabernacle in Naples, with the Rev. Tandy Rouch officiating.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice.

James Diehl

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — James C. Diehl, 56, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Diehl worked as a design engineer at Cooper Tools (Dotco) in Hicksville and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Hicksville. He enjoyed his family, music and relaxing by Wall Lake.

A 1967 graduate of Springfield High School, he earned a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering from Tri-State University in Angola.

He was born Sept. 29, 1948, in Philadelphia to Charles Henry Diehl Jr. and Elizabeth (Devitt) Diehl. His father survives in Springfield, Pa.

On April 22, 1972, he married Pamela Wonderly. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Nicholas J. and Andrea Diehl of Hicksville and Jonathon C. Diehl at Adrian College in Adrian, Mich.; and his sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Richard Larkin of Wilmington, Del.

He was preceded in death by his mother and his grandparents.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, with Chaplain Paul Marki officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery in Hicksville.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diehl Memorial College Fund.

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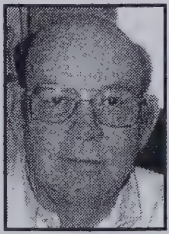
Ausburn Thompson

CHURUBUSCO — Ausburn Thompson, 63, of Churubusco died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at his home in Green Township, Noble County. He had been in declining health, however his death was unexpected.


Mr. Thompson

Mr. Thompson had lived in the area since he was 17, moving from Alabama.

He was employed at C.F. Gomma (formerly Dana Weatherhead Division) in Columbia City for 30 years, retiring from there in 1998 due to ill health.

He was born Dec. 28, 1940, in Bay Minette, Ala., to Henry and Hattie (Schaffer) Thompson. On March 5, 1958, in Churubusco, he married Peggy LeFever. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Tamara Bade of Churubusco; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jeffrey A. and Coleen Thompson of Roanoke, Douglas A. Thompson of Churubusco and Ralph E. and Carlene Thompson of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Donnie and Wilene Thompson of Milton, Fla.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Nell and Glenn Click of Tipton and Luvada Neal of Gulf Shores, Ala.; 11 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Doug Thompson; and two sisters, Alice Wyatt and Frankie Sherman.

At the request of Mr. Thompson, there are no services or calling. Entombment will be in St. Paul Mausoleum at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Kidney Foundation.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Kathryn Crow

ST. JOE — Kathryn B. Crow, 87, of St. Joe died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

People around St. Joe knew her as "the egg lady" because she sold and delivered eggs to many customers.

Mrs. Crow

Mrs. Crow was a homemaker and a member of Concord United Methodist Church.

She was born July 11, 1917, in Colfax, Ill., to Andrew and Anna (Anliker) Lanz. Her parents preceded her in death.

On March 19, 1939, she married Richard "Dick" Crow. He died June 23, 2000.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Keith A. "Andy" and Margie Crow of St. Joe, Pat and Mary Crow of Spencerville, Dan and Amerida Crow of St. Joe, and Mark and Donna Crow of St. Joe; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Terry Brown; one granddaughter, one great-grandson, six brothers and five sisters.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Barb Cross officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Concord United Methodist Church.

Byron Jackson

FORT WAYNE — Byron C. Jackson, 80, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jackson was a Fort Wayne native. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II as a B-24 pilot.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Ball State University, Muncie. He served as a principal for Fort Wayne Community Schools for 35 years, retiring in 1983.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia H. Jackson; two sons and daughters-in-law, the Rev. Dennis H. and Gale Jackson of Black Mountain, N.C., and Douglas C. and Beth Jackson of Angola; a daughter, Jennifer J. Thompson of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and their spouses, Keely and Daniel Boomhower of Princeton, N.J., Megan and Matthew Kemper of Davidson, N.C., Clinton Jackson of Angola, Emily and Brady McCord of Fort Wayne, Boyd Jackson of Angola and Leigh Byron Kuleff of Fort Wayne; four great-grandchildren, Jenna Kemper, Brady McCord Jr., Eleanor Boomhower and John Byron Kemper; and two sisters, Jane Perretta and Sue Winkleback, both of Fort Wayne.

Memorial services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. Calling will be immediately following the service, with a reception at Wagenhals Hall.

Memorials are to Trinity English Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Fort Wayne.

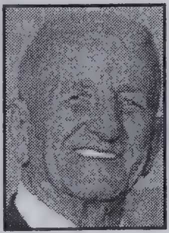
Dolloras Smith

ASHLEY — Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, for Dolloras M. Smith, 84, of Ashley.

Mrs. Smith died Monday, Nov. 29, in Holland, Ohio.

James Printz

KENDALLVILLE — James J. Printz, 78, of Kendallville died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Printz

Mr. Printz had retired as a rail engineer with Conrail after 20 years of service. He was currently employed with G. Diamond Transport in Niles, Mich., hauling boats around the country.

He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War.

Mr. Printz was a member of Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301, American Legion Post 86 and the Lakeview, Ohio, Eagles Lodge.

He was born Oct. 21, 1926, in Springfield, Ohio, to James Harry and Ethel May (Pash) Printz. On Dec. 28, 1957, in Richmond, he married Donna Dean Bower. She died June 24, 1980.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steve Printz of Cromwell and James H. and Nancy Printz of Valparaiso; two daughters, Sheila Bolen of Albion and Linda Printz of Kendallville; a brother, Richard "Bud" Printz of Springfield; seven grandchildren, Stephanie Printz, Richard Printz, Doug Bolen, Kimberly Bolen, Elizabeth Printz, Desire Printz and James Lloyd Printz; and four great-grandchildren, Lake Daley, Drew Printz, Samuel Printz and Lilly Printz.

Also preceding him in death were his parents and two sisters, Freda Hewitt and Mary Printz.

Patrick Grush

SPENCERVILLE — Patrick Grush, 50, of Spencerville died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Grush was a construction worker with Tradesmen International. He was a U.S. Army veteran and member of American Legion Post 409.

Surviving are a daughter, Deena Yancy of Fort Wayne; and five brothers, Paul Grush of Grabill, Mark and David Grush, both of Leo, Michael Grush of Atlanta and Peter Grush of Grabill.

Preceding him in death were his parents, John and Patricia (Condrin) Grush, and his stepmother, Helen (Minnear) Grush.

Services with military honors will be at 4 p.m. Friday at American Legion Post 409 in Leo.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 409.

A celebration of life gathering will be held from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Grace Christian Church in Kendallville. Another gathering will take place from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Cannon & Lanning Funeral Home in Crooksville, Ohio.

Military graveside services by the Crooksville VFW Post will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Cemetery in Crooksville with Pastor Chris Mosley of Grace Christian Church officiating.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THIS OBITUARY *is being repeated to provide additional information.*

Jack Stanley

KENDALLVILLE — Jack Stanley, 64, of Bulan, Ky., died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stanley was a restaurant cook. He had received his GED and went on to receive bachelor's and master's degrees. He was a member of True Church of God in Jesus Name in Kendallville.

Mr. Stanley was born Aug. 19, 1940, in War, W.Va., to Zeb and Ollie (Hicks) Stanley.

Surviving are his ex-wife, Irene Stanley of Columbia City; three daughters and a son-in-law, Donita and Leonard Luna of Bulan, Jackie Stanley of Chicago and Tammy Robinson of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Teddy Ray and Christine Stanley of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Howard and Connie Stanley of Brimfield; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers; three sisters; and a granddaughter.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at True Church of God in Jesus Name in Kendallville with Pastor Howard "Sonny" Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Brimfield.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com. Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

THE NEW ERA
DECEMBER 1 2004 Albion, Indiana

Former Noble County GOP chair, Lewis Moser, dies

LIGONIER — Lewis Moser, who led the Noble County Republican Party for many years, died November 23, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had undergone heart bypass surgery several days earlier.

Moser served as chairman of the Noble County Republican Party for 21 years, from 1976 to 1997.

A resident of the Ligonier area most of his life, Moser and his wife, Georgena "Gene," celebrated 60 years of marriage earlier this year. They have four children and several grandchildren.

Those who knew Moser were well aware of his loyalty to Republican politics.

During his active years in politics, Moser served on the Noble County Council for eight years, and attended three Republican National Conventions as a delegate.

Moser helped launch the political careers of several other Noble County residents while he was GOP chairman.

Following his retirement as a dairy and grain farmer, Moser was appointed superintendent of the Indiana Department of Highways in the Goshen District, a post he had for about 13 years.

Lewis Moser

Moser's dedication to service was recognized by two Indiana governors, Governor Otis Bowen and Governor Robert Orr, who honored him with Sagamore of the Wabash awards.

Moser was well respected, not only in Noble County, but throughout the state by party faithful who were aware of his hard work for the party.

Perhaps his son, David Moser, said it best as he eulogized his father during the memorial service last Saturday at the Ligonier Presbyterian Church, "Everyone asks me if I am going to follow in my dad's political footsteps. I have always told them that I quit trying to do that a long time ago."

Dean Konger

FORT WAYNE – Dean T. Konger, 67, died Wednesday, November 24, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, he retired in 1999 after 15 years with Raytheon Systems. He was previously employed by International Harvester for 24 years. He was Vice President and board member of Trustees of IHAA, coached IHAA softball, Men's slow pitch softball, girls and boys CYO basketball, girls softball and P.A.L. Football for over 22 years; Commissioner Board of Directors of P.A.L., Honorary lifetime member of F.O.P., Kendallville Elks #1194.

"We will miss his love for family, zest for life and passion for sports."

Survivors include wife, Mary Nash Konger; sons, Kevin (Melody) and Brian (Sherry); daughters, Tina (Gary) Lewis, Tammy Schillace, Terri (Bill) McEvoy and Molly (Mike) Miller; stepchildren, Lisa (Chris) Mackin, Jonathan Nash and Jenny (Brad) Kamman; sister, Corene (Richard) Rooney; 12 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, November 29, 2004, at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

For those who wish, memorials are to P.A.L. or Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

THE NEW ERA

DECEMBER 1 2004 Albion, Indiana

Dallas Leitch

KENDALLVILLE – Dallas C. Leitch, 97, a former resident of Albion, died Friday, November 26, 2004, at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been taken to the hospital from Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville, where he had resided for the past three years.

Mr. Leitch was born on January 18, 1907, in Allen County, a son of James H. and Ottie (Duglay) Leitch. His marriage took place in Green Township on September 6, 1926, to Mary E. Kesling.

The couple lived in Green Township in Noble County following their marriage and later lived at Adams Lake for several years. They moved to Albion in 1980 and enjoyed spending winters in Sebring, Florida for ten years until 1990.

An inspector for Phelps Dodge Magnet Wire Company in Fort Wayne, he retired from there in 1972 after 28 years. He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Mrs. Leitch preceded him in death on June 15, 1995.

The surviving relatives include five sons, Leo (Josie) Leitch of Bay City, MI, Willard (Effie) Leitch of Pineville, LA, Ray (Barbara) Leitch of Danville, Iowa, Richard (Nancy) Leitch of Fort Wayne, and Daniel (Kim) Leitch of Ocala, FL; three daughters, Frieda Leach of Garrett, Marcille (Joseph) Leatherman of Albion, and Rosalie (Keith) Johnson of Elkhart; three sisters, Gladys Strong of Bryant, Ruth Troyer of LaOtto, and Mary Runyon of Albion; 38 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren, and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

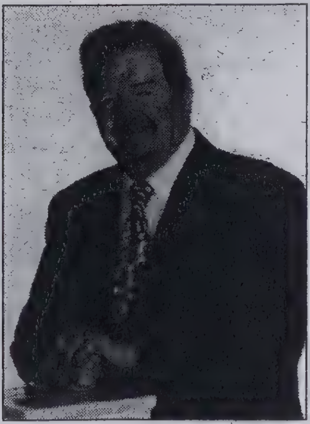
In addition to his parents and spouse, he was preceded in death by two sons, James Leitch and Wilmer G. Leitch; and by two daughters, Mary Leitch and Joan Houser.

Services were held Tuesday, November 30, 2004, in the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Daniel Barker, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Riverview Cemetery south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

Lewis Moser



FORT WAYNE — Lewis L. Moser, 81, of Ligonier died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Moser was a retired dairy farmer and Indiana State Highway Department employee who served as superintendent of the Goshen District.

He was a charter member of the Ligonier Lions Club, and a member of the Masonic Lodge 185, Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and the Ligonier Elks Lodge 451. He was a chairman of the Noble County Republican Central Committee for 21 years and a member of the Republican National Committee and Republican National Congressional Committee. He attended Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

He was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash from both Gov. Otis Bowen and Gov. Robert Orr.

Mr. Moser was born April 12, 1923, in Lynn Grove to Albert F. and Clara (Meshberger) Moser.

He married Georgena "Gene" E. Miller on June 25, 1944, in Goshen. She survives.

Mr. Moser is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, David L. and Gail Moser of Ligonier; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Rebecca and Bob Foote of Stockton, Calif., Laura Brattain of Victor, Idaho, Julie and Tim Byer of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Eugene and Elizabeth Moser of Syracuse; and nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary Johnson; brothers George, Albert, Carl Jr., Robert, Warren and Grant.

Services were held Saturday, November 27, 2004, at Ligonier Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Stan Wilson officiating. A Masonic service was at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Shriner Hospitals for Children or the Ligonier Historical Society.

Elizabeth Teders

AVILLA – Elizabeth "Betty" Teders, 71, died at her sister's residence in Avilla on Friday, November 26, 2004.

A lifetime Avilla resident, she was born July 10, 1932, to Joseph and Beatrice E. (Kreienbrink) Teders.

Miss Teders was employed by Stanadyne in Garrett for 25 years and Pent Assembly for five years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rosary Society and an active member of Right to Life. Her hobbies included needlepoint, crafts, birds and her family.

She is survived by three brothers, Leo Teders, Herman (Harriett) Teders both of Avilla and Henry (Shirley) Teders of West Bend, WI; four sisters, Theresa (Francis) Meyer, Alice Meyer, both of Avilla, Henrietta (Robert) Harris of LaOtto and Lucy (Michael) Higginbotham of Wolcottville; 32 nieces, 32 nephews, and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Ann Fike.

Services were held Monday, November 29, 2004, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, with Father Dan Durkin officiating.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Masses to the Church or Parkview Hospice.

Lorell Smith

KIMMELL – Lorell I. Smith, age 79, of Kimmell, died Tuesday, November 23, 2004, in her residence.

She was born March 25, 1925, in Deluth, Missouri to Arlan Stine and Julia Weiterholt Stine.

She married James M. Smith on October 29, 1949, in Fort Wayne; he survives.

She was a homemaker, a foster parent, and a tupperware dealer. She enjoyed bingo and her flower garden.

She is survived by her husband, James Smith, of Kimmell; three daughters, Sherry (Russell) Jackson of Kimmell, Shirley (Wiley) Miller of Phoenix, AZ, and Susan (Doug) Grosskean of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Lou Stine, Cliff Stine, Bob Stine, all of Fort Wayne and Earl Stine of Auburn; two sisters, Pearl Kaporowicz and Arlen Kieffer, both of Kendallville; eleven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sons and one brother, Don.

Services were held Friday, November 26, 2004, at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier. Burial followed in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorial contributions can be made to Whitley County Hospice.

Ricky Fugate

HUDSON — Ricky L. (Primo) Fugate, 50, of Hudson died Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at home.

Mr. Fugate was born in Auburn on July 1, 1954, to Clarence and Helen (Roop) Fugate. He married Ann Sanders on Nov. 23, 1992, and she survives.

He was a member of the Scorpion Bike Club and New Hope Pentecostal Church.

Also surviving are three sons, Kory and Kody Fugate of Hudson and Jade Blevins of Japan; two daughters, Kandi Fugate of Hudson and Terra McCullough of Auburn; his mother, Helen Fugate of Auburn; two brothers, the Rev. Allen Fugate of Albion and Terry Fugate of Garrett; a sister, Karen Jerome of Yuma, Ariz.; and two grandchildren, Caleb and Loran McCullough.

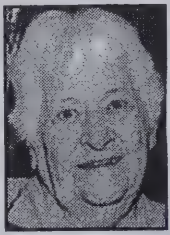
He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Laura Ann Fugate.

Services were held Monday, November 29, 2004, at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Allen Fugate officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Helen Miller

ARCOLA — Helen O. Miller, 91, of Arcola died at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2204, at the Renaissance Village Nursing Home where she had been a patient since September.



Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller had worked as a teacher's aide at Arcola Elementary School and as a clerk at Brumbaugh's Grocery in Arcola for many years.

She enjoyed painting and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Miller was a 1931 graduate of Arcola High School.

She was born May 8, 1913, in Allen County to Charles M. and Della (Snyder) Vaughn. On Nov. 15, 1932, she married Wayne W. Miller. He died Feb. 5, 1981.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Gloria and George Bojrab of Fort Wayne, Marlene Miller of Oquawka, Ill., and Judy and Roger Dafforn of Churubusco; a brother, Hugh Vaughn of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Irene Luessenhop and Ruth Bower; a brother, Ralph Vaughn; a grandson, Timothy Bojrab; a granddaughter, Julia Miller; and a son-in-law, Larry Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with the Rev. Harold Klinker of Arcola United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Arcola United Methodist Church or the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department.

Vivian Curry

WATERLOO — Vivian M. Curry, 77, of rural Waterloo, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at her home.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Kendallville post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion post in Auburn and the Waterloo Church of Nazarene.

She was born July 22, 1927, in Kendallville to Ray Fike and Tracie (Treesh) Fike. They preceded her in death.

On Sept. 25, 1960, she married Wayne Curry. He died Dec. 8, 1999.

Surviving are one brother and one sister-in-law, Donald Raymond and Eleanor Fike of Auburn; and one sister, Donna B. Wagers of Waterloo.

She also was preceded in death by three sons, Tim Curry, Robert Jacob Chorpenning and James LeRoy Chorpenning; and two sisters, Doris Maxine Landers and Evelyn Nordine Drerup.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo with the Rev. William Smith officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo Church of Nazarene.

John Douglas

SOUTH MILFORD — John W. Douglas, 78, of South Milford died at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at his home.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Orla Troyer

TOPEKA — Orla D. Troyer, 81, of Topeka died at 10:20 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Troyer was a farmer and a minister for the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born March 16, 1923, in Midland, Mich., to Neil and Fannie (Bontrager) Troyer. On Nov. 25, 1943, in Topeka, he married Edna Yoder. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Glenn and Vera Troyer and Howard and Barbara Troyer, all of Ligonier, LeRoy and Anna Marie Troyer of LaGrange, Maynard and Vera Troyer of Topeka, and Floyd and Mary Ellen Troyer of Chouteau, Okla.; seven daughters and five sons-in-law, Irene and Mel Mullet and Gertie Troyer, all of Topeka, Mary Ellen and Freeman Bontrager of LaGrange, Pollyanna Stoll of Mio, Mich., Fannie Marie and Phillip Wagler of Fremont, Mich., Amanda Sue and Sam Yoder of Bloomingdale, Mich., and Edna Mae and David Jr. Schlabach of Clare, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Junior and Luella Cross of Topeka; 64 grandchildren; 107 great-grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Anna Marie Miller; three infant sons; and two sons-in-law.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at 7065 W. C.R. 650S, Topeka, with Bishop Marlin Frey officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family home.

Pallbearers will be Leo Bontrager, Andy Bontrager, Orlie Lambright, Felty Yoder, Calvin Miller and Vern Fry.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors in information from the funeral home.*

James Printz

KENDALLVILLE — James J. Printz, 78, of Kendallville died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Printz

Mr. Printz had retired as a rail engineer with Conrail after 20 years of service. He was currently employed with G. Diamond Transport in Niles, Mich., hauling boats around the country.

He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War.

Mr. Printz was a member of Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301, American Legion Post 86 and the Lakeview, Ohio, Eagles Lodge.

He was born Oct. 21, 1926, in Springfield, Ohio, to James Harry and Ethel May (Pash) Printz. On Dec. 28, 1957, in Richmond, he married Donna Dean Bowen. She died June 24, 1980.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steve Printz of Cromwell and James H. and Nancy Printz of Valparaiso; two daughters, Sheila Bolen of Albion and Linda Printz of Kendallville; a brother, Richard "Bud" Printz of Springfield; seven grandchildren, Stephanie Printz, Richard Printz, Doug Bolen, Kimberly Bolen, Elizabeth Printz, Desire Printz and James Lloyd Printz; and four great-grandchildren, Luke Daley, Drew Printz, Samuel Printz and Lilly Printz.

Also preceding him in death were his parents and two sisters, Freda Hewitt and Mary Printz.

A celebration of life gathering will be held from 4-8 p.m. today at Grace Christian Church in Kendallville. Another gathering will take place from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Cannon & Lanning Funeral Home in Crooksville, Ohio.

Military graveside services by the Crooksville VFW Post will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Cemetery in Crooksville with Pastor Chris Mosley of Grace Christian Church officiating.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dolloras Smith

ASHLEY — Dolloras M. Smith, 84, of Ashley died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at Spring Meadows Extended Care in Holland, Ohio.

Mrs. Smith was born in Findlay, Ohio, on June 2, 1920, to Willis and Minnie (Whitacre) Porter.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Gerald Hitzka, Virgil Smith and Ronald and Dianna Hitzka, all of Toledo, Ohio; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Catherine and Kent Beals of Maumee, Ohio, Sue and William Wright of Virginia, Amy Smith and Paul Wielinski of Toledo and Tina and Ken Shropshire of Kendallville; 22 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Smith, on Aug. 15, 1987; two sons, Kriss Walters and David Hitzka; two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be 1 p.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Paul Doerfler officiating. Calling will be two hours before services.

Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, rural Albion.

Ruth Snyder

FORT WAYNE — Ruth F. Snyder, 89, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at Parkview Hospital.

She had retired from Magnavox and was an avid bingo player.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim Snyder and Larry Snyder, both of Fort Wayne, and Ron and Peggy Snyder of Urbana, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Carole Cronkhite of Fort Wayne and Nancy and Chip Ort of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Tomme Snyder of Fort Wayne; two sisters; 23 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Edgar J. Snyder, in 1987; a son, Dick Snyder; one grandson, one great-grandson, two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana Highway 930E, New Haven.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church of Fort Wayne.

Lewis Moser laid to rest by family, friends

Mr. Moser

LIGONIER — They came from far and near to say goodbye to an old friend last week.

Funeral services were Saturday for Lewis L. Moser, 81, a life-long resident of this community and one of the last great political bosses of Noble County.

At his funeral and all week long, however, Mr. Moser was remembered for much more than his work with the county's Republican Party. He was remembered as a great family man, a true American farmer and a patriotic citizen who loved his country.

Mr. Moser died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at 9:20 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, a few days after undergoing heart bypass surgery.

Mr. Moser was a retired dairy farmer and Indiana State Highway Department employee who served as superintendent of the Goshen District.

He was a charter member of the Ligonier Lions Club, and a member of the Masonic Lodge 185, Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and the Ligonier Elks Lodge 451. He was a chairman of the Noble County Republican Central Committee for 21 years and a member of the Republican National Committee and Republican National Congressional Committee. He attended Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

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Mr. Moser was born April 12, 1923, in Lynn Grove to Albert F. and Clara (Meshberger) Moser.

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Mr. Moser is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, David L. and Gail Moser of Ligonier; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Rebecca and Bob Foote of Stockton, Calif., Laura Brattain of Victor, Idaho, Julie and Tim Byer of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Eugene and Elizabeth Moser of Syracuse; and nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary Johnson; brothers George, Albert, Carl Jr., Robert, Warren and Grant.

Services were Saturday at Ligonier Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Stan Wilson officiating. A Masonic service was held at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Shriner Hospitals for Children or the Ligonier Historical Society.

Nancy Jane Meyer

WARSAW — Nancy Jane Meyer, 61, of Warsaw, died Thursday November 25 at 7:23 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital.

She was born Sept. 24, 1943, in Fort Wayne to William Henry and Loretta Strauss.

She was a cook at Jimmy's Restaurant in North Webster.

She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, watching game shows on television and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons, Harry E. Meyer, Syracuse, and Tim S. (Deb) Strauss, Tucson, Ariz.; daughter, Cheryl L. Ousley, North Webster; eight grandchildren; brothers, Donny (Betty) Strauss, Cromwell, and Bill Strauss, Key West, Fla.; and a sister, Jean (David) Boyle, Cromwell.

She was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Elkhart Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to United Cancer Services of Elkhart County.

Shirley Durham

LIGONIER — Shirley J. Durham, 61, of Ligonier died at 4:40 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Mrs. Durham

She was a lifetime area resident.

On June 23, 1943, in Goshen, she was born to Robert B. and Jeanne A. (Miller) Miller. She married Robert B. Durham on Jan. 20, 1963, in Ligonier. He survives.

She had worked in production for Goshen Rubber Company for 26 years, and also for Superior Sample and Cromwell State Bank.

Mrs. Durham was a member of Faith Christian Center, Goshen, and had been a member of the Ligonier Park Board, had taught Sunday School and been a volunteer for the church prayer line.

She enjoyed attending her grandchildren's sporting events, helped others come to the Lord by witnessing, and enjoyed reading.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert B. Jr. and Lisa Durham, Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline A. and Michael Dancy, Ligonier; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert Dale and Patty Miller, Clarksville, and Jerry L. and Barbara Miller, Goshen; a step-brother, LaMar Kitson, Goshen; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lou and Scott Hayden, Indianapolis; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a step-mother, Marie Miller, Ligonier.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services were Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

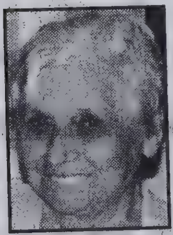
Memorials are to the Goshen General Hospital Foundation.

Lorell Smith

KIMMELL — Lorell I. Smith, 79, of Kimmell died at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at her residence.

She was a homemaker, a foster parent and tupperware dealer, and enjoyed bingo and her flower garden.

On March 25, 1925, in Deluth, Mo., she was born to Arlan and Julia (Weiterholt) Stine. She married James M. Smith on Oct. 29, 1949, in Fort Wayne. He survives.



Mrs. Smith

Surviving in addition to her husband are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry and Russell Jackson of Kimmell, Shirley and Wiley Miller of Phoenix, Ariz., and Susan and Doug Grosskean of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Lou, Cliff and Bob Stine, all of Fort Wayne, and Earl Stine of Auburn; two sisters, Pearl Kaporowicz and Arlen Kieffer, both of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Her parents, two sons and a brother, Don, preceded her in death.

Services were Friday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to Whitley County Hospice.

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Clara Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Clara J. Yoder, 87, of Shipshewana died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Yoder was a homemaker and lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born June 22, 1917, in LaGrange County to John S. and Martha J. (Miller) Miller. On March 4, 1937, in Topeka she married Andrew A. Yoder. He died Oct. 9, 1997.

Surviving are seven daughters and sons-in-law, Mattie and David Fry of Ligonier, Clara and Joe Slaback and Katie and Alfred Kauffman, all of Middlebury, Lizzie and Marvin Kauffman of Millersburg, Mary and Steve Loy and Ida and Cristy Miller of Shipshewana and Rose and Don Wideman of Ottertail, Minn.; six sons and four daughters-in-law, Perry and Rosemary Yoder of Middlebury, John and Joyce Yoder of LaGrange, Amos Yoder and Mahlon Yoder, both of Wolcottville, Ora and Frankie Yoder of Goshen and Andrew and Roseanna Yoder of Shipshewana; five sisters, Lena Sudderman and Mary Sudderman, both of Topeka, Edna Schlabach of Ashland, Ohio, Mattie Swantz of Colona, Iowa, and Katie Miller of LaGrange; 52 grandchildren; and 86 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three daughters, Edna May Taylor, Wilma Kurtz and Ella Yoder; two brothers; and three sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the home of Harley Lambright Jr., 6555W. C.R. 200N, Shipshewana with Bishop Casper Hochstetler and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Saturday at 7230W. C.R. 250N, Shipshewana.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Dayton Huff

FREMONT — Dayton Huff, 89, of Fremont died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Huff had lived most of his life in LaGrange County. He was a farmer and carpenter.

He was born Sept. 10, 1915, in LaGrange County to Charles E. and Margaret (Coney) Huff. On Aug. 26, 1944, in LaGrange he married Donabell Eagleson. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Herbert Main of Logansport, Phyllis and Tony Wilder of Fremont and Dianna and Terry Penick of Orland; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Carolyn Huff of Elkhart; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Huff; and two sisters, Maud Buchanan and Margaret Troyer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Keith R. Olson officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fremont United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 653, Fremont, IN 46737.

John Douglass

SOUTH MILFORD — John W. Douglass, 78, of South Milford died unexpectedly at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Douglass came to the South Milford and Kendallville areas in 1958 from California. He had retired in 1990 after 20 years as an inspector at Dexter Axle in Albion. In California he had worked for General Electric.

He was a veteran of the Air Corps, having served from 1944-1946. He was member of the Church of Christ where he was an elder.

Mr. Douglass was born March 2, 1926, in Los Angeles to Gibson and Celia (Ingram) Douglass. On Dec. 15, 1958, in Kendallville he married Malissa "Bea" Hamlin. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Leatrice and George Buhler of Greenville, Texas, Charlotte and Jeff Huff of Garland, Texas, and Traci and John Ogg of South Milford; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jonathan and Lisa Douglass of Holliday, Texas, and Brian Douglass of Auburn; a brother, Robert Douglass of California; four sisters, Thelma Garcia, Elsie Rocha, Dorothy Dietrick and Ginger Reid, all of Texas; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Church of Christ, U.S. 6, in Kendallville. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the Church of Christ.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

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Dorothy Hamman-Dirr

HAMILTON — Dorothy Hamman-Dirr, 92, of Hamilton died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ and the Hamilton Rebekah Lodge.

She was born Oct. 16, 1912, in Butler to Clarence and Lottie (Walters) Wagner.

She married Clarence Hamman in 1930. He died in 1967.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Carol Hamman of Hamilton; a daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Emerson Imus of Auburn; a son-in-law, John Chorpenning of Hamilton; 10 grandchildren, Gary, Steve and Larry Grogg, Debra Keller, Greg, Jeff, Mike and Kevin Chorpenning, Marc Hamman and Pam Hicks; 17 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Norma Chorpenning; a grandson, Chad Chorpenning; a great-great-grandson; a great-great-granddaughter; three brothers; and one sister.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton Church of Christ with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Church of Christ, Arrow Ministries or the American Heart Association.

Dorothy Miller

LAGRANGE — Dorothy W. Miller, 92, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Miller had moved to LaGrange in 1988 from Bristol.

She was the former owner of Sid's Tavern in Stroh and the Tasty Nut Shop in White Pigeon, Mich.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Chapter 210 Order of the Eastern Star in Three Rivers, Mich.

She was born Oct. 28, 1912, in Steuben County to Henry and Bertha (Wambsganss) Lieberenz. On June 14, 1938, in Sturgis, Mich., she married Sidney J. Nelson. He died Aug. 2, 1966. She then married Leo E. Miller on April 19, 1969. He died March 13, 1987.

Surviving are a stepdaughter and her husband, Evelyn and Donald Hoffman of White Pigeon; a stepson, Max Miller of Harrietta, Mich.; four stepgrandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Susan Marie Nelson on Dec. 26, 1947; and a stepson, Sidney E. Nelson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in White Pigeon Cemetery in White Pigeon.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

May Maine

LAGRANGE — May R. Mains, 81, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at her winter home in Frostproof, Fla.

Mrs. Mains was a lifetime LaGrange County resident. She had retired in 1980 from Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich., after 32 years of service.

She was a member of Plato United Methodist Church and a life member of the Angola Moose Lodge. She was a former member of the Plato Home Economic Club and the Pythian Sisters.

Mrs. Mains was born Aug. 2, 1923, in LaGrange County to Zopher R. and Huldah M. (Dunkel) Randol. On Aug. 25, 1945, in Angola she married David J. Main. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Hope and Dale Lukas of Tucson, Ariz., and Susan and Dan Walsh of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, David Jr. and Becky Mains of Albion; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Fay Tefft of LaGrange and Betty Lou and John Malone of Shipshewana; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael A. Mains, on Sept. 6, 2001; a daughter, Faith A. Mains in 1958; a brother, Zopher Randol Jr.; and two sisters, Pauline Pant and Helen Powers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or Good Shepherd Hospice.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information about relatives.*

Ruth Snyder

FORT WAYNE — Ruth F. Snyder, 89, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A Fort Wayne native, she was an avid bingo player. She worked as a winder at Magnavox, retiring in 1984 after 17 years. She was a former resident of Garrett.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim Snyder and Larry Snyder, both of Fort Wayne, and Ron and Peggy Snyder of Urbana, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Carole Cronkhite of Fort Wayne and Nancy and Chip Ort of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Tomme Snyder of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Dorothy Wiles and Marjorie Loehr, both of Fort Wayne; 23 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar J. Snyder, in 1987; a son, Dick Snyder, in 2004; one grandson, Larry Snyder II; one great-grandson, Joshua Cronkhite; two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana Highway 930E, New Haven. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church of Fort Wayne.

Dorothy Youse

ANGOLA — Dorothy I. Youse, 96, of Angola and formerly of Bryan, Ohio, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, and Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Youse was born Aug. 15, 1907, in Defiance, Ohio, to Curtis and Mary (Kuhn) Deepe. She married Oscar Jacob Youse in 1929, and he preceded her in death in 1980.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Bryan, and was past president of the United Methodist Women, the Eastern Star (also serving as a Worthy Matron), the Bayview Study Club and the Farm Bureau. She received her teacher's certificate from Defiance College, and was a teacher at Farmer School.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Nancy Youse of Westerville, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Jack Farquhar of Cape Coral, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Lucile and Donald Hoak of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Wesley United Methodist Church, Bryan, with the Rev. Norman Fuller of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, officiating. Calling will be at the church one hour before services.

Burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan.

Memorials are to Wesley United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Bryan.

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Frederick Jacobs

BUTLER — Frederick Lee Jacobs, 60, of Butler died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at 12:50 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Jacobs worked at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 30 years. He served in the U.S. Air Force, was a member of the Butler Fire Department for 20 years and belonged to the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion post in Butler.

Mr. Jacobs

He was born March 18, 1944, in Angola. His father, Charles F. Jacobs, preceded him in death. His mother, Bettie (Monroe) Jacobs Morrison, survives in Fremont.

He married Janet Burkmire on July 11, 1964, in Edgerton, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, David and Meredith Jacobs of Spencerville, Mathew and Janel Jacobs of Auburn, Patrick and Kelly Jacobs of Spencerville and Nicholas Jacobs of Butler; one brother, R. Wayne Jacobs of Lapeer, Mich.; three stepbrothers, Larry Morrison, Roger Morrison and Glenn Morrison; two stepsisters, Melanie Sindel and Debbie Keener; and four grandchildren, Maguire Jacobs, Carsen Jacobs, Jadyn Jacobs and Zoe Jacobs.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church at Edgerton, Ohio, with the Rev. Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. A rosary service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Youth League or Butler Parks Department.

Helen Mathews

ELKHART — Helen Lucille Mathews, 82, of Heaton Lake, Elkhart, died at 3:58 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

She retired from Uniroyal Corp., Mishawaka, where she worked for 36 years.

A member of Grace Baptist Church in Bristol, she enjoyed cooking, housekeeping, fishing and gardening.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Carl L. and Mary Jones of Elkhart; a sister, Phyllis Eairleywine of Angola; one niece; and one nephew.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Bernard and Marie (Miner) Jones; and a brother, Robert H.L. Jones.

Services will be at noon Monday at Grace Baptist Church, 53980 C.R. 17, Bristol, with Pastor Michael Quirey officiating. Burial will be at Rice Cemetery in Elkhart.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. until noon Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Grace Baptist Church.

Merritt Winebrenner

ALBION — Merritt Winebrenner, 81, of Albion died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

He had worked with his father from age 10, and owned and operated South Side Market in Albion with his wife, Evelyn, for 58 years, retiring in 2000.

Mr. Winebrenner was the last surviving charter member of the Albion Eagles 2455 and was a member of the Albion Chamber of Commerce and the Albion Conservation Club.

He was born July 4, 1923, in Berlin, Md., to Rely and Anna (Grawcock) Winebrenner. On July 4, 1945, in Albion, he married Evelyn Wellman.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters and their spouses, Jean and Dave Carnahan of California and Nancy and Mike Clouse of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Brenda Winebrenner of Westerville, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Caleb Winebrenner and Donita Lawson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Pastor Susan Socha officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Lawrence 'Pete' Lung

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. — Lawrence "Pete" H. Lung, 78, of Bonita Springs, died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at Naples Community Hospital in Naples.

He was the postmaster at the LaOtto, Ind., post office for 21 years, retiring in 1984. He resided in Bonita Springs for the last 16 years.

A World War II Army veteran, he was a member of the Garrett, Ind., American Legion.

He was born April 3, 1926, in Auburn, Ind., to Robert and Goldie (Wert) Lung. On May 27, 1946, he married Sarah "Isabell" Kelley in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Surviving are his wife of Bonita Springs; two sons and daughters-in-law, Harry and Angela Lung and Larry and Jody Lung, all of Garrett, Ind.; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Richard Muzzillo of Angola, Ind.; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister, Velma Stahl of Auburn, Ind.

Preceding him in death were his parents; five brothers; three sisters; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, Ind., with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be at the Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett where military graveside service will be by the Garrett American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County, Indiana, Cancer Society and the Garrett American Legion Color Guard.

Ray Tichenor

CONNERSVILLE — Ray Franklin Tichenor, 84, of Connersville died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at Fayette Memorial Hospital. He had been in ill health for the past three years.

Mr. Tichenor was born Aug. 8, 1920, in Greensburg to Elmer and Cora (Morris) Tichenor. He married Cleo Cole on Dec. 25, 1945, and she survives.

He graduated from Greensburg High School in 1939. He served in the U.S. Army as a truck driver during World War II in northern France and Normandy at the Battle of the Bulge. In his last few years of military service, he was a medic.

He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 47043 in Vevay, and Sand Creek Baptist Church near Greensburg. He retired from Ford Electronics in 1986 after 42 years of service.

Also surviving are two daughters, Ingrid Tichenor of Angola and Julia Tichenor of Connersville; a son, Phillip W. Cole of Madison; a sister, Mary Lou Samples of Indianapolis; two grandchildren, Rhianna Rose of Brookville and Daniel Rose of Angola; a great-grandchild, Waylan Wagner of Brookville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister.

Services were Monday at Urban-Winkler Funeral Home, Connersville. Burial was in Dale Cemetery, Connersville. Memorials are to the family.

Cathy Grove

FREMONT — Cathy Grove, 49, of Fremont died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at her home.

She was born Nov. 29, 1955, in Taylor, Mich.

Surviving are her husband, Leroy (Sage) Blankenship of Fremont; a son, Jacob Matthew Grove; her father, Lynne Grove of Angola; one sister, Judy Mason; and a brother, David Grove.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to the Indiana Hooved Animal Humane Society, 102 Spring Grove Ave., Salem, IN, 47167.

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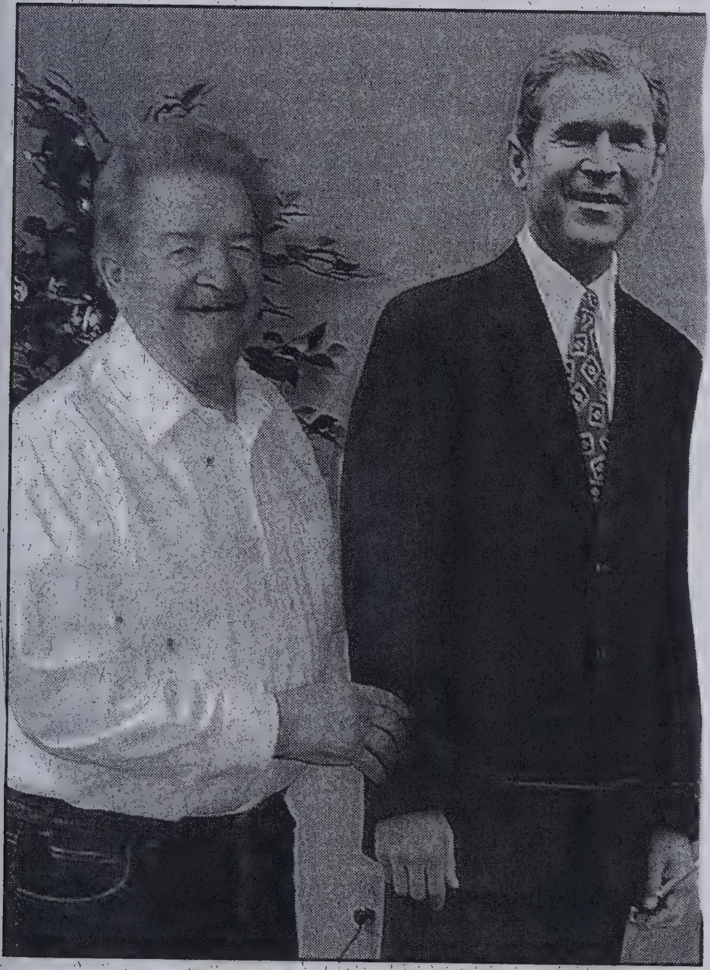
Moser remembered for love of family, farm



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Lewis Moser stands with this cardboard cutout of the president that someone gave Mr. Moser for his 80th birthday party, held last year in Ligonier.

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Nathan Carmack

GENEVA, Ill. — Nathan Leonard Carmack died shortly after birth on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, in Delnor Hospital in Geneva, Ill., to Aaron and Kerry (Brock) Carmack of Geneva.

In addition to his parents, surviving are his twin brother, Alex Brock Carmack and his brother, Kaleb Steven Carmack; four grandparents, Jeanne and Steven Brock of Auburn, and Debbie and Leonard Carmack of Chambersberg, Pa.; and great-grandparents, Frank and Rosie Brock of LaGrange.

Memorial service will be held at a later date at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St, in Waterloo.

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BY BOB BUTTGEN
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LIGONIER — It would be an oversimplification to remember the life of Lewis Moser as one wrapped up in politics.

Sure, Mr. Moser, who died the Tuesday before Thanksgiving at the age of 81, was best known as the leader of the Noble County Republic Party for more than 20 years, and as a man who attended three Republican National Conventions and shook hands with several United States presidents.

But Mr. Moser was also a family man and a farmer, as well as a community leader and perhaps most importantly, a patriotic American who loved his country and wasn't afraid to show it.

Mr. Moser and his wife, Georgena "Gene" Moser, who survives him, had four children, and many children and great-grandchildren.

Their oldest daughter, Becky Moser Foote, now lives in California with her own children and grandchildren.

She fondly remembers her father as a man who loved his family.

"Growing up, I always thought he was the perfect father," she said last week as she and her family prepared to return to California. "Because he was a dairy farmer, he was always around the house and farm, all the time. I remember even as a tiny little girl being able to spend a lot of time with on the farm. I can remember all the trips to the Lyon and Greenleaf mill.

"Because of the dairy farm we couldn't take long vacations because we always had to be there," she recalled. "So we liked to spend Sunday afternoons at Lake Wawasee or Syracuse Lake. Those day trips on Sunday were wonderful. It wasn't until they retired and my sister and I moved out West that Mom and Dad started taking trips and enjoying traveling a little more. Every time we had a graduation or some special event with our families, they would come out."

Becky and her husband have three children and four grandchildren. "And we're all Republicans!" she beamed.

Her youngest son, Kelly, is active in politics and credits his grandfather for his love of politics. "Kelly used to work for a California congressman and has worked on many political campaigns in California," said Foote.

On the political side of his life, Mr. Moser was close friends for more than 30 years with Kendallville resident Jack Frederick, a member of the Noble County Council. Frederick served as Mr. Moser's treasurer on the Noble County Republican Party committee.

"Louie was a great leader for the Republican Party, he had his heart and soul into it," Frederick said. "He was able to get good people to run for office and then raised money for them. He had very successful Lincoln Days and was always helping the party at the state and national levels."

Frederick and his wife, Roberta, joined Lewis and Gene Moser when they traveled to Washington, D.C., in 2001 for the inauguration of President George W. Bush.

Frederick credited Mr. Moser with his ability to get high-ranking politicians, including Sen. Richard Lugar and former Sen. Dan Coats, to come to Noble County. "That helped Noble County people get to know those kind of influential people," Frederick said.

Several times Mr. Moser brought Dan Quayle to Noble County when he was a congressman.

Further proof of both his political proficiency and ability to serve his state are shown by the fact Mr. Moser received two Sagamore of the Wabash honors from two different Indiana governors.

Frederick and others who knew Mr. Moser say his style of politics may be gone from the American landscape. "It's a lot different now than it was back then," Frederick said. "But Louie was special and we'll all miss him."

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Burnell Aungst

KENDALLVILLE — Burnell D. Aungst, 79, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at his home.

He was a full-time farmer and worked for Kraft Foods for 26 years. A 1943 graduate of Kendallville High School, he attended Indiana University for two years. He was also a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

He was born on Oct. 22, 1925 in Kendallville to Grover and Carolyn (McCoy) Aungst. On July 12, 1958 in Kendallville, he married Jean (Beiswanger) Aungst. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Betty Aungst of Kendallville and Gloria and Michael Smith of Berne; one son and one daughter-in-law, Tony and Carri Aungst of Kendallville; one sister, Enid Baxter of Elmhurst, Ill.; three grandsons, Matthew Smith of Berne, Andrew Smith of Berne, and Mark Smith of Berne; three granddaughters, Alyssa Aungst of Kendallville, Emily Aungst of Kendallville, and Olivia Aungst of Kendallville; two nieces, Nancy Derry of Yorktown, Va. and Valerie Baxter of Lombard, Ill.; and three nephews, Robert Ibison of Littleton, Colo., Brian Baxter of Indianapolis, and Todd Baxter of London, England.

He was preceded in death by her sister Betty Jean Ibison.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, with the Rev. David Hogsett and the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Memorials are to Association for the Retarded Citizens or to Parkview-Noble Home Health and Hospice or to Trinity Church United Methodist Church.

Reginal Steele

ANGOLA — Reginal Clifford Steele Sr., 82, of Angola, died Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A member of Angola Unitec Methodist Church, he was the head chef and owner of Steele's Cottage Cafe in Angola. He was the head chef at Brunetti's Restaurant and Lounge and a chef at the Redwood Restaurant and Lepley's Steak House.

He was born on Sept. 30, 1922 in Newark, N.J., to John W. and Bertha (Parks) Steele. On Dec. 28, 1948, he married Ruth (Hurd) Steele.

Surviving are seven sons, John Steele of St. Paul, Minn., Wayne Steele of Camp Pendleton, Calif., Reginald "Buzzy" C. Steele Jr. of Angola, Brian Steele of Angola, Reed Steele of Toledo, Ohio, Rory Steele of Prospect, Tenn., and Edward Steele of Pleasant Lake; seven daughters, Linda Baxter of Mesa, Ariz., Reginna Campbell of Angola, Roberta Jolin of Angola, Patricia Kinney of Coruoba, Argentina, Sandra Howe of Pleasant Lake, Barbara Steele-Appel of Mesa, Ariz., and Wanda Dilley of Ashley; 45 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Eugene R. Steele; two grandchildren, one great-grandchild and 15 brothers and sisters.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Fund.

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Audrey Mumma

KENDALLVILLE — Audrey L. Mumma, 83, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at the Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

She worked at Seyferts in Fort Wayne before moving to Kendallville in 1960. A member of the Harvest Community Church, she worked in housekeeping at the Lutheran Homes in Kendallville for 17 years.

Mrs. Mumma

She was born on Aug. 27, 1921 in Auburn to Jay and Mabel (Smith) Bowers. She married Merrill Curtis Mumma on March 10, 1940 in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on April 14, 1958.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Phillip and Kate Mumma of Fort Wayne, Jerry and Carol Mumma of Fort Wayne, Mike and Becky Mumma of Avilla, and Richard and Linda Mumma of Avilla; three daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Frank Wagner of Kendallville, Carol and Henry Heiman of Avilla, and Janet and Steve Meyer of Kendallville; three brothers, Clifford Bowers of Kendallville, Harold Bowers of Kendallville and Harry Bowers of Fort Wayne; and one sister, Lela Luce of North Carolina; 28 grandchildren and 49 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Gary Mumma, in 1977 and one sister.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville with the Rev. Olson officiating. Burial will be following services in the Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Faye Bolinger

AUBURN — Faye A. Bolinger, 90, of Auburn, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

A homemaker, she liked to garden and crochet and was active in church.

Mrs. Bolinger

She was born on June 27, 1914 in Garrett, rural DeKalb County, to William M. and Amanda E. (Friend) Nicholas.

On Sept. 21, 1951, she married Albert Bolinger, who preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 1993.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Larry A. and Elaine Bolinger of Corunna; one niece, Suzanna Johnson of Auburn, one nephew, Gerald Nicholas of Auburn; one grandson and his girlfriend, Ryan Bolinger and Laura Glombowski; and one granddaughter and her fiancé, Shelley Marie Bolinger and John Roemer.

She also was preceded in death by three sisters, Ruby Selby, Nellie O'Connell and an infant sister.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at United Brethren Church in Corunna. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Research, United Brethren Church and Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

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Burnell Aungst

KENDALLVILLE — Burnell D. Aungst, 79, of Kendallville died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at his home.

He was a full-time farmer and worked for Kraft Foods for 26 years. A 1943 graduate of Kendallville High School, he attended Indiana University for two years. He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

He was born on Oct. 22, 1925, in Kendallville to Grover and Carolyn (McCoy) Aungst. On July 12, 1958, in Kendallville, he married Jean (Beiswanger) Aungst. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Betty Aungst of Kendallville and Gloria and Michael Smith of Berne; one son and one daughter-in-law, Tony and Carri Aungst of Kendallville; one sister, Enid Baxter of Elmhurst, Ill.; three grandsons, Matthew Smith of Berne, Andrew Smith of Berne, and Mark Smith of Berne; three granddaughters, Alyssa Aungst of Kendallville, Emily Aungst of Kendallville, and Olivia Aungst of Kendallville; two nieces, Nancy Derry of Yorktown, Va., and Valerie Baxter of Lombard, Ill.; and three nephews, Robert Ibison of Littleton, Colo., Brian Baxter of Indianapolis, and Todd Baxter of London, England.

He was preceded in death by her sister Betty Jane Ibison.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, with the Rev. David Hogsett and the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Memorials are to Association for the Retarded Citizens, Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice or to Trinity Church United Methodist.

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Cathy Grove

FREMONT — Cathy Grove, 49, of Fremont died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Grove was born Nov. 29, 1955, in Dearborn, Mich., to Lynne and Virginia (Brewer) Grove. She married Sage Blankenship on Dec. 26, 1991, and he survives.

She was an artist and homemaker. She enjoyed puzzles, bingo and television.

Also surviving are a son, Jacob Matthew Grove Wilkewitz of Dearborn Heights, Mich.; her father, Lynne Grove of Angola; a sister, Judy Mason of North Charleston, S.C.; and a brother and sister-in-law, David and Susan Grove of Warren, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her mother in 1988.

Services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating.

Calling is today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Indiana Hooved Animal Society, 102 Spring Grove Ave., Salem, IN 47167 (www.ihahs.org).

Richard Ward

LAGRANGE — Richard L. Ward, 77, of LaGrange and formerly of Brookston died at 2:40 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor of LaGrange.

Mr. Ward was a farmer, raising both crops and livestock. He was a member of the American Angus Association and received the pioneer breeder award at the 2002 All American Angus Breeders' Futurity Roll of Victory Show in Louisville, Ky.

He had served as custodian for Frontier Elementary School from 1986 to 1999.

Mr. Ward was a 1945 graduate of Brookston High School.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Ward was born June 28, 1927, in Grass Creek to Albert and Martha (Knapp) Ward. On Oct. 11, 1947, in Brookston, he married Barbara "Sue" Vanderbilt. She died in March 1999.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Mary Lou Ward of Palmyra, Wis., Steve and Marie Ward of Avon and Jack and Mary Ann Ward of Plattsburg, Mo.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Mark Oneal of Wanatah and Becky and Rob Knott of LaOtto; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Norma Ward of Brookston and Dale and Linda Ward of Mulberry; a sister, Mary Guiffre of Detroit; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Roger and Thomas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hartzler-Clapper Funeral Home in Brookston with the Rev. Lelan D. McReynolds officiating. Burial will be in Tippecanoe Memory Gardens Cemetery in West Lafayette.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO 64506.

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Muriel Bickel

MIDDLEBURY — Muriel A. Bickel, 89, of Middlebury died at 7:25 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 2004, at AmeriCare Living Center in Goshen.

Mrs. Bickel

Mrs. Bickel was a 1937 graduate of Goshen College and had been a social worker for 20 years with the Department for Public Welfare of Elkhart County.

She had been a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church since 1951 where she taught Sunday school for 50 years and was a youth leader for 10 years. She served as church librarian for many years and was a volunteer for the Children's Club and the Good News Club.

Mrs. Bickel had been a member of the Middlebury Garden Club since 1951. She and her husband received the Book of Golden Deeds in 1987.

She was born June 9, 1915, in Goshen to W. Birch and Edith (Unrue) Barnard. On Sept. 15, 1946, in Goshen she married Woodrow W. Bickel. He died Aug. 27, 1997.

Mrs. Bickel is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Leslie Schaefer of Atlanta, Ill.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Frances and Clare Garber of Goshen.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Valeria Hawkins on Aug. 5, 1998.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury with Pastor James Simpson and Pastor Thomas Herbon officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Lutheran Deaconess Association in Valparaiso. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Mina Palmer

BUTLER — Mina Mary Palmer, 84, of Butler died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Palmer was a homemaker. She was a member and past president of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Garrett.

She was born July 24, 1920, in Metz to Carlton and Jeanette (Packer) Aldrich.

She married Lester Robert Palmer on Feb. 25, 1939. He died Oct. 13, 1982.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Sherrill Taylor of Johnstown, Ohio, Jill and Darrin Thompson of Issaquah, Wash., Denise and Phillip Coressel of Butler, and Valerie and Gary Chester of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Wayne Aldrich of Angola, Amos Lynn Aldrich of Hamilton and Bruce Aldrich of Hamilton; one sister, Lois Johnson of Butler; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, George, Charles, Larry, Clifford and Carlton; and six sisters, Ruth Shearer, Thelma Wappes, Carol Lou Stulte, Beverly Hathaway, Betty Bonecutter and Anna Kline.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Rex Charles will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with corrections and additional information.*

Faye Bolinger

AUBURN — Faye A. Bolinger, 90, of Auburn died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Bolinger

A homemaker, she liked to garden and crochet and was active in church.

She was born June 27, 1914, near Garrett, in rural DeKalb County, to William M. and Amanda E. (Friend) Nicholas.

On Sept. 21, 1951, she married Albert Bolinger. He preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 1993.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Larry A. and Elaine Bolinger of Corunna; two nieces, Suzanna Johnson of Auburn and Maxine Linger; two nephews, Gerald Nicholas of Auburn and Donald McConnell; a grandson and his girlfriend, Ryan Bolinger and Laura Glombowski; and a granddaughter and her fiancé, Shelley Marie (Bolinger) and John Roemer.

She also was preceded in death by three sisters, Ruby Selby, Nellie McConnell and an infant sister; and a brother, Forrest Nicholas.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the United Brethren Church in Corunna. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Research, the United Brethren Church in Corunna and Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Roscoe Rice

LAKE OF THE WOODS — Roscoe F. Rice, 82, of Lake of the Woods died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Rice was born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 1, 1922, to Joseph and Ethel (Heminger) Rice. He married Alta R. Herman in Fort Wayne on Aug. 30, 1941, and she survives.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He retired in 1976 after 30 years as an inspector with International Harvester. He was a member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Angola and PT Boats Inc.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Rita and Ken Lehmker of Lakeland, Fla., and Alice Rice of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Lyndsay and Joseph Rice and William, Jeffrey and Sarah Lehmker; two great-grandchildren, Alan Lehmker and Ivy Rose Rice; and three brothers, Bob Rice of North Fort Myers, Fla., Joe Rice of Fort Wayne and Harold Rice of Wolcottville.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mitchell, in 2000; two brothers, John and Otto Rice; and two sisters, Nellie Pequignot and Esther Wollard.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, 2955 W. Orland Road, Angola IN 46703.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, handled arrangements.

Vicki Fogelsanger

GOSHEN — Vicki Lynn Fogelsanger, 56, of Goshen died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at 1 a.m. in her home. She had been ill with cancer since April.

She worked as a bookkeeper at the Elkhart County Courthouse and was a member of The Lighthouse church in Goshen. A 1965 graduate of Rochester High School, she had lived in Goshen for 16 years.

She was born Aug. 9, 1948, in Carthage.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Esther Eleanor (McCorkle) Swihart and George Swihart of Rochester; two daughters and a son-in-law, Debra Yoder of Goshen and Nichole and Mike Waldron of Butler; one son, Richard Fogelsanger of Elkhart; two brothers, Rex Shepherd of Leesburg and Jim Johnson of Elkhart; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kathy Bowen of Houston and Dixie and Louie Frenoy of Pikesville, Ky.; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gilbert Elton Shepherd.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Rieth Rohrer Ehret Funeral Home of Goshen. Pastor Brad Whitehead of The Lighthouse will officiate. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Elkhart County.

Online condolences may be posted at www.rrefh.com.

Falisha Trammell

SPENCERVILLE — Falisha D. (Ferrell) Trammell, 19, of Spencerville died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a chemical operations specialist with the U.S. Army.

Surviving are her husband and stepson, Jason Trammell and Jason M. of McAlester, Okla.; her mother, Tracy Myers of Spencerville; brothers Josh Ferrell and Eric Buchanan, both of Spencerville; a sister, Leah Myers of Spencerville; grandparents Trude Myers and Howard Eicher of Spencerville; father-in-law Lorene Dillard of Arizona; and mother-in-law Terry Baker of McAlester, Okla.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Calling will Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Bill Abbs

KENDALLVILLE — Bill Abbs, 81, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at his Kendallville home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Jerry Hogge

KENDALLVILLE — Jerry Hogge of Kendallville died unexpectedly Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

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Virginia Englehart

FORT WAYNE — Virginia R. Englehart, 82, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at Covington Manor.

Mrs. Englehart was a lifelong resident of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Shari Eme of Fort Wayne and Lynda and Rex McCraner of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Robert Lundquist of Atlanta, Ga.; three grandchildren, Cassidy Eichel, Torrie Eichel and Jacob McCraner; several nieces and nephews; and her special friends, Bonnie Peters and Grace Colburn of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Divona Correll

KIMMELL — Divona Correll, 96, of Kimmell died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at Avalon Nursing Center in Ligonier.

Mrs. Correll was retired from Bendix. She loved horses and dogs and was a volunteer for Cancer Services.

She was born Dec. 21, 1907, in Kimmell to Ulysses S. and Mae (Stephenson) Baker.

Surviving are a brother, Everett Baker of Kimmell; and several nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Harold, Fred and Neal; and two sisters, Ruth McFarren and Fern Menolascino.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Concord grad dies in Iraq

Elkhart County native killed in rocket-propelled grenade attack

ELKHART, Ind. (AP) — A soldier from northern Indiana who made a recent trip home died Sunday in Iraq when his vehicle was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade west of Baghdad, relatives said.

Staff Sgt. Marvin Lee Trost III, 28, died in the attack early Sunday near Camp Manhattan between Fallujah and Ramadi, his grandmother, Virginia Trost, said Monday.

Her grandson, who grew up in Elkhart County and graduated from Concord High School in Elkhart, had visited home last month while on leave. She said the family gathered Nov. 15 at her home for dinner.

"Everything gathered around him and prayed for God to keep his hand on him. He wanted that," Virginia Trost said.

She said her grandson told she and her husband, Marvin Lee Trost, that he was concerned that he might not return from his third tour in Iraq, which he began last summer.

"He told me, 'Grandma, this time I am afraid,'" she said.

With Trost's death, he becomes the 35th Indiana military personnel to have died after being sent to the Mideast for the war in Iraq.

He and his wife, Sherry, a fellow 1994 Concord High School graduate, married on Valentine's Day seven years ago. They had three children: a daughter, Aubry, 6, and two sons, Levin, 3, and Gabriel, who was born Sept. 7.

The family lived at Fort Benning, Ga.

Virginia Trost said her grandson entered the Army when he was 17 right out of high school and was with the 2nd Infantry Division in an air assault unit that flew Blackhawk helicopters.

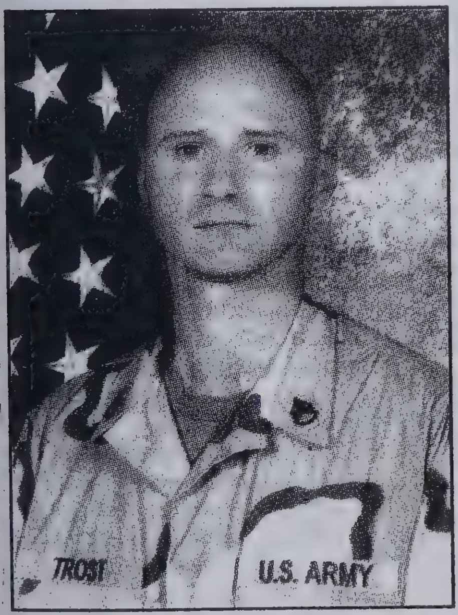
Trost's mother, Joyce Adcock, said her son believed in the U.S. military's ongoing presence in Iraq. "He died for what he believed in," she said.

She described her son was a "colorful" character who always left an impression.

"He was funny, he was smart, he was caring. Even when he was a baby he was a good kid. He was a joy to have. He was never any problem," she said.

During his recent visit home, she said they were taking a walk down a long country lane when he said, "You know mom, this time I might not come back."

"He had never said that before. He had seen some bad stuff, I think, and he was living with a lot of stress. I'm sure he thought sooner or later, his luck would run out."



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Elkhart County soldier Staff Sgt. Marvin Lee Trost III died Sunday when his vehicle was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade west of Baghdad. He was on his third tour of duty with the 2nd Infantry Division.

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Longtime educator Bill Abbs, 81, dies

KENDALLVILLE — Longtime educator Bill Abbs, 81, of Kendallville died at 2:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Abbs had retired after 35 years in public education. He had served at four school systems, as a teacher, coach and mentor.

He began his teaching career in Cromwell, where he was also basketball and baseball coach. He then served as principal at Etna Green. In 1958, he joined the Kendallville school system as the first principal at South Side Elementary School. He also served as principal of Central Elementary School and was athletic director at Kendallville High School. He taught driver's education for 24 consecutive summers. At the time of his retirement he was attendance officer for the East Noble School Corp. and a math teacher.

On two occasions the East Noble school board asked Mr. Abbs to serve in interim roles, first as assistant superintendent of schools and later as principal at Rome City School.

He was a member of the teachers' association, holding positions at the local and state levels.

Mr. Abbs was a Lions Club member while living in Cromwell and Etna Green, holding the position of president at each club. He was a lifelong Methodist and served as trustee and Sunday school superintendent at Etna Green Methodist Church and as trustee and fifth-grade Sunday school teacher at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Mr. Abbs

He supported the youth of Kendallville through his service as a director and president of the Boys Club of Kendallville and the Youth Center.

He was a member of American Legion Post 86.

Mr. Abbs was a three-sport athlete all four years of high school. He was unanimously selected quarterback for the Northwestern Ohio All-Conference Football Team in both his junior and senior years. He was named conference Player of the Year as a senior.

He continued his football career while attending Manchester College. His college years were interrupted when he joined the U.S. Army during World War II. He was assigned to the ordnance division at Aberdeen Proving Grounds and became an instructor in bomb disposal.

Following the war, Mr. Abbs returned to Manchester College and Indiana University to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees in education.

He was born Dec. 30, 1922, in Wauseon, Ohio, to Lloyd B. and Nell G. (Bruning) Abbs. On March 24, 1944, he married his high school sweetheart, Jane Geringer, at Grace Methodist Church in Aberdeen, Md. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jan Patrice Abbs and her husband, John Knox, of Muncie; a son, James J. Abbs and his wife, Jan Harkner Abbs, of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Sue Reiske Abbs of Kendallville; and five grandchildren, Troy Abbs, Trevor Abbs, Bryce Abbs, Jordan Knox and Jessica Knox.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Scott B. Abbs; and a sister, Sally Abbs Fischer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the East Noble Football Booster Club.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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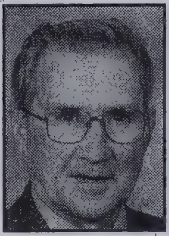
Mervin Fry

GOSHEN — Mervin Jay Frey, 61, of Goshen died unexpectedly at 4:48 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at his home.



Mr. Fry

Mr. Frey had worked at K-Z Sportsman in Shipshewana since 1991 and was currently an inspector.

He was a member of First Mennonte Church and had spent a week in Haiti working for the Water Fort Life Mission Project. He was a volunteer fireman for the Jefferson Fire Department.

Mr. Frey played fast-pitch softball for many years and enjoyed camping and traveling.

He was born May 27, 1943, in LaGrange County to Joseph E. and Elizabeth (Bontrager) Frey. His mother survives in Topeka and his father is deceased. On Nov. 27, 1968, at Sunnyside Mennonite Church in Dunlap, he married Lydia Peachey. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Doug Stuckey of Bristol; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Christopher Frey of Elkhart and Mark and Angie Frey of Middlebury; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Lydia Mae and Clarence Miller of Chouteau, Okla., Mary Ellen and Freddie Miller of Millersburg, Katie and Wilbur Lehman of Topeka, and Edna and Freeman Slabach and Wilma and Orva Bontrager, all of Shipshewana; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Freeman and Wilma Frey of Ligonier and Richard and Barbara Frey of Shipshewana; and three granddaughters.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Daniel Frey, on Oct. 13, 2002.

Graveside services will be at 9 a.m. Thursday at Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury. A memorial service will follow at 10:30 a.m. at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linford Martin, the Rev. Pamela Yoder and the Rev. Clare Schumm officiating.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Water For Life Mission Project or First Mennonite Church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lillian Shank

LAGRANGE — Lillian L. Shank, 76, of LaGrange died at 12:50 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shank had moved to LaGrange in 1969 from Ottawa Lake, Mich. She had retired from the U.S. Postal Service as a clerk.

She was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Shank was born May 26, 1928, in Toledo, Ohio, to Glen and Bertha (McGovern) Roudebush. On April 6, 1946, in Toledo, she married Edward J. Shank. He died March 11, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sheryl Stahl and Ronald Grzecki of Toledo and Colleen and Raymond Hoover of LaGrange; four sons and daughters-in-law, Gary L. and Brenda Shank of Kenosha, Wis., John E. and Judy Shank of Defiance, Ohio, Thomas G. and Dawn Shank of Hamilton and Michael J. and Shari Shank of Wolcottville; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and her companion, Frank Thomae Jr. of Howe.

She was also preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church with the Rev. Stephen Flynn officiating. Burial will be in Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 797 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, IN 46761.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Louise Blaugh

CHURUBUSCO — Louise A. Blaugh, 85, of Churubusco died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Blaugh had retired from Dana Corp. in 1973.

She was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church, Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star No. 136 and the Smith Township Extension Homemakers Club. She enjoyed quilting and sewing.

Mrs. Blaugh was born Nov. 18, 1919, in Allen County to Daniel and Mary (Parish) Barnhart. On July 5, 1937, in Albion, she married Edgar Egolf. He died in 1972. She then married Russell Blaugh on Jan. 19, 1973, in Churubusco. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Charles Cummings of Columbia City and Norma and Dale Crabill of Churubusco; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Betty Egolf of Churubusco; a stepdaughter and her husband, Kathy and Lynn Johnson of Fort Wayne; three stepsons, Ronald Blaugh of Churubusco, Gary Blaugh of Fort Wayne and Allen Blaugh of San Diego, Calif.; two brothers, Donald Barnhart and Ronald Barnhart, both of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Harold and Burlyn Barnhart; and a sister, Lavon Linvill.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Chris Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today with an Eastern Star service at 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Forrest Wappes

AUBURN — Forrest Wappes, 78, of Auburn died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

A former Ashley resident, Mr. Wappes worked on a farm for most of his life. He was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a 50-year member of the the American Legion post in Orland and a 50-year member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also was a 50-year member of the Knights of Pythias.

He was born Oct. 6, 1926, in LaOtto to Joe Wallace and Mary Inez (Freeman) Wappes.

Surviving are two sisters, Vera M. Creager of Butler and Wanda B. Wilks of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Lawrence, Merl and Burl Wappes.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett. Graveside military rites will be conducted by the Orland post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo.

Vicki Fogelsanger

GOSHEN — Vicki Lynn Fogelsanger, 56, of Goshen died at 1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at her home.

She had been a bookkeeper at the Elkhart County Courthouse.

She was a 1965 graduate of Rochester High School and a member of The Lighthouse in Goshen.

She was born Aug. 9, 1948, in Carthage to Gilbert Elton and Esther Eleanor (McCorkle) Shepherd.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Esther and George Swihart of Rochester; two daughters and a son-in-law, Debra Yoder of Goshen and Mike and Nichole Waldron of Butler; a son, Richard Fogelsanger of Elkhart; two brothers, Rex Shepherd of Leesburg and Jim Johnson of Elkhart; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kathy Bowen of Houston, Texas, and Dixie and Louie Frenoy of Pikesville, Ky.; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at The Lighthouse in Goshen with Pastor Brad Whitehead officiating. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen and at the church one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Elkhart County.

Condolences may be sent online to www.rrefh.com.

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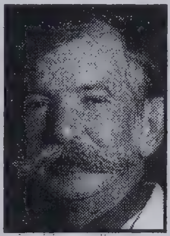
Jerry Hogge

KENDALLVILLE — Jerry Hogge, 66, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at his home.



Mr. Hogge

Mr. Hogge had retired in August after more than 30 years with Active USA Trucking Co.

He was a member of the Teamsters Union of Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. Hogge was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, having served in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

He was born Aug. 10, 1938, in Wharton, W.Va., to Mitchell and Maultie Marie (Stacey) Hogge. On Aug. 17, 1962, he married Joyce Marie Pepple. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Kenneth Hogge of Kendallville, Jerry "Rocky" Hogge II of Indianapolis and Paul Hogge of Las Vegas, Nev.; a daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Charles "Chuck" Shifferd of Bullard, Texas; a sister, Wilma Young of West Virginia; three brothers, James Hogge of Chesterton, Robert Hogge of Fort Wayne and William Hogge of North Carolina; a half sister, Carol Giratas of Arizona; three half brothers, Richard Arbaugh of Fort Wayne, Steve Hogge of Fort Wayne and Larry Hogge of Butler; his stepmother, Lorene Waller of Kendallville; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Kurtis Hogge; and a grandson, Martin Hogge.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Crash victim dies from injuries

William Savage was a longtime EN teacher

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KENDALLVILLE — A former East Noble High School science teacher died Tuesday of injuries he sustained Monday afternoon in a traffic crash near his home.

William P. Savage, 68, of the 500 block of North Shore Drive died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had suffered internal injuries in Monday's crash.

Savage's wife, Rafaela A. Savage, was listed in serious condition this morning at Parkview in Fort Wayne. She suffered injuries to the head and shoulders in the crash, according to Indiana State Police.

According to Indiana State Police, William Savage pulled his orange Pontiac Vibe out in front of Tracy L. Spriggs' red Ford Crown Victoria at about 12:17 p.m. Monday.

Police said Spriggs, 42, of South Milford was northbound on S.R. 3 when he saw the Vibe stop at the stop sign at North Shore Drive. Spriggs thought the Vibe would wait for him to get past, but William Savage pulled out in front of the Ford, police said.

The Savages were each taken by Noble County EMS to Parkview in Fort Wayne because fog grounded Samaritan helicopters, police said.

Spriggs suffered foot and ankle injuries in the collision, police said. He was treated and released at Parkview Noble Hospital.

William Savage was a longtime science teacher at East Noble High School. He started working there in 1963 and retired in 1997.

ENHS English teacher Bob Avery said Savage was a hard worker who cared about his students.

"He helped a lot of kids with individual projects," Avery said. "I think he was a real father figure to a lot of kids."

Michelle Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Michelle Renee Miller, 5 weeks and 2 days old, died at 12:20 a.m. today, Dec. 8, 2004, at her home. She had been ill since her birth.

She was born Oct. 31, 2004, at New Eden Birthing Center in Topeka to Steven Ray and Lou Etta (Bontrager) Miller. They survive.

Also surviving are a brother, Ryan Miller, at home; her grandparents, Albert and Carolyn Miller of Middlebury and Freeman and Mary Bontrager of Millersburg; and her great-grandparents, Monroe and Mary Bontrager of Millersburg, Albert and Lydia Mae Miller of LaGrange, Floyd and Sara Miller of Goshen and Ray and Ida Miller of LaGrange.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Albert Miller residence at 10677 C.R. 24, Middlebury, with Bishop LeRoy Lehman and home ministers of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Thursday at the Albert Miller residence.

William Savage

KENDALLVILLE — William P. Savage, 68, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne as a result of injuries he sustained Monday in a traffic accident.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Casmer Jenkot

COLDWATER, Mich. — Casmer J. "Casey" Jenkot, 83, of Coldwater, Mich., died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at The Laurels of Coldwater following a several-week illness.

Mr. Jenkot was born Jan. 8, 1921, in Chicago, to Joseph and Eva (Dubinska) Jenkot. He moved to Coldwater in 1969. He married Nancy Kolassa on July 24, 1982, in Coldwater. She survives.

He was a self-employed businessman. While living in Chicago, he reconditioned oil barrels, then owned and operated a tavern. While living in Coldwater, he did concrete work in the Angola area, owned and operated an ice cream parlor and for the past 10 years, owned and operated Casey's Antiques. He was also a salesman of Budweiser steins.

He enjoyed traveling, garage sales and flea markets, and was an avid collector. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the southern Philippines, and was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star. He was a member of the American Legion and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Larry Porter of Fremont and Barbara and Don Ross of Elkhart; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Joyce Jenkot of Republic, Mich., and Robert and Kathy Jenkot of Marshall, Mich.; two stepsons, Michael Hughes of Mount Pleasant, Mich., and Todd Hughes of West Branch, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers.

According to Mr. Jenkot's wishes, cremation has taken place. Arrangements were handled by Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, Mich.

Memorials are to the Friendship Club on Hanchett Street in Coldwater or the Branch County, Mich., Commission on Aging.

Condolences can be left for the family at www.kolcz.com.

Pearl Knisely

FORT WAYNE — Pearl Knisely, 89, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Knisely

Born in Avilla, she retired from Rieke Corp. of Auburn in 1972. She also was a waitress for seven years at the Auburn Hotel and was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stanley and Marabeth Knisely of Huntertown and Ernest Knisely of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Sharon Knisely of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, LaVern Knisely, in 1976; two brothers, Dean and Wallace Miles; and two sisters, Effie Humbarger and Helen Smith.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. A graveside service will be Friday at 3 p.m in Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Calvin Spice

FORT WAYNE — Calvin L. Spice, 50, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mr. Spice was born in Fort Wayne. He was a letter carrier for 24 years, and was a member of the American Legion Post No. 241 and Letter Carriers Union Local No. 16.

He was a volunteer for the National Kidney Foundation, and an advocate for organ and tissue donation. He was an avid Indiana University and Chicago Cubs fan.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon K. Spice of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dustin and Brandy Spice and Brandon Spice, all of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Evan Spice of Fort Wayne; his mother, Catherine Spice of Fremont; a sister, Linda Lee of Fort Wayne; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Stanley and Jane Spice of Topeka, Kan., Gary and Leslie Spice of Pinson, Ala., and Norman Spice of Fremont; and his mother-in-law, Helen York of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Spice; a sister, Carol Spice; a brother, Kenneth Spice; and his father-in-law, Stanley York.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Children's Organ Transplant Association for Brandon.

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Margaret Powers

INDIANAPOLIS — Margaret F. Powers, 91, of Indianapolis and formerly of Angola died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at Westminster Village North, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Powers was born July 31, 1913, in Angola to Arthur and Ila (Williams) Field. She was married to Stephen A. Powers on Oct. 13, 1945, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 1983.

She attended Tri-State University. She was a homemaker, and worked at a dress shop and field home equipment store in Angola and Bowsers during World War II.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and Psi Iota Xi Sorority. She worked with Girl and Boy Scouts and the Parent-Teacher Association in Indianapolis, as well as the Marion County T.B. Association. She was a former Sunday school teacher at the Angola UMC.

Surviving are a son, Stephen W. Power of Indianapolis; and a daughter, Susanne Keeton of Indianapolis.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Edgar and Robert Field.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Norbert Gick

FORT WAYNE — Norbert Gick, 79, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gick had been a truck repairman with International Harvester. He retired in 1976.

He was a native of Hoagland.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas and Pam Gick and John Gick, all of LaOtto; a sister, Viola Schmidt; and grandchildren, Seth and Trent Gick.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marscell, in 2001; and Orville Gick, Irma Anderson, Lucille Gresley, Willard Gick, Lester Gick, Delmar Gick and Vernon Gick.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Catholic Charities or the American Heart Association.

Michael Draper

BOULDER CITY, Nev. — Michael L. Draper, 52, of Boulder City died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at 4:42 a.m.

Mr. Draper

Mr. Draper was a truck driver and a member of Teamsters Local 631 of Las Vegas, Nev.

He was born Dec. 17, 1951, in Fort Wayne and was a resident of New Haven for 25 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Surviving are two children, Joshua Draper and Mandy Draper of Arizona; his father and stepmother, Raymond W. Draper Sr., and Lila Draper of Butler; four sisters, Bonnie Draper of Warren, Imogene Schoof of Auburn, Nancy Gairger of Henderson, Nev., and Vivian Landis of Boulder City; two half brothers, Raymond W. Draper Jr. of Hamilton and Clint Draper of Butler; three stepbrothers, Clarence and Jeff Knicole and Victor Taflinger; and three stepsisters, Jennifer Johnson of Garrett, Chris Siebenaler of Butler and Melody Taflinger.

His mother, Shirley (Draper) Taflinger, preceded him in death.

Services will be conducted in Boulder City.

Memorials are to the American Liver Foundation at www.liverfoundation.org.

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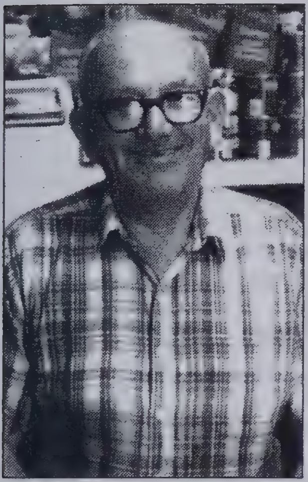

Merritt Winebrenner

ALBION — Merritt Winebrenner, 81, of Albion died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

He had worked with his father from age 10, and owned and operated South Side Market in Albion with his wife, Evelyn, for 58 years, retiring in 2000.

Mr. Winebrenner was the last surviving charter member of the Albion Eagles 2455 and was a member of the Albion Chamber of Commerce and the Albion Conservation Club.

He was born July 4, 1923, in Berlin, Md., to Rely and Anna (Grawcock) Winebrenner. On July 4, 1945, in Albion, he married Evelyn Wellman.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters and their spouses, Jean and Dave Carnahan of California and Nancy and Mike Clouse of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Brenda Winebrenner of Westerville, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Caleb Winebrenner and Donita Lawson.

Services were held Sunday, December 5, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Pastor Susan Socha officiating. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Divona Correll

KIMMELL — Divona Correll, 96, of Kimmell died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at Avalon Nursing Center in Ligonier.

Mrs. Correll was retired from Bendix. She loved horses and dogs and was a volunteer for Cancer Services.

She was born Dec. 21, 1907, in Kimmell to Ulysses S. and Mae (Stephenson) Baker.

Surviving are a brother, Everett Baker of Kimmell; and several nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Harold, Fred and Neal; and two sisters, Ruth McFarren and Fern Menolascino.

Graveside services were Tuesday, December 7, 2004, at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Louise A. Blaugh

CHURUBUSCO — Louise A. Blaugh, 85, of Churubusco, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She was born Nov. 18, 1919, in Allen County, the daughter of Daniel Barnhart and Mary Parish Barnhart.

She married Edgar Egolf, July 5, 1937, in Albion; he preceded her in death in 1972. She married Russell Blaugh, Jan. 19, 1973, in Churubusco; he survives. She was employed at Dana Corp., retiring in 1973.

She was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136, the Smith Township Extension Club and she enjoyed quilting and sewing.

She is survived by her husband, Russell Blaugh of Churubusco; two daughters, Mary (Charles) Cummings of Columbia City, Norma (Dale) Crabill of Churubusco; one stepdaughter, Kathy (Lynn) Johnson of Fort Wayne; one son, Robert (Betty) Egolf of Churubusco; three stepsons, Ronald Blaugh of Churubusco, Gary Blaugh of Fort Wayne, Allen Blaugh of San Diego, Calif.; two brothers, Donald Barnhart and Ronald Barnhart, both of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Edgar Egolf, two brothers, Harold and Burlyn Barnhart, and one sister, Lavon Linvill.

Service was 10 a.m. Wednesday, with visitation one hour prior, at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco; the Rev. Chris Newman-Jacobs officiating. Eastern Star Service were 8 p.m. on Tuesday, at the funeral home. Burial was in Eerel River Cemetery. aMemorials to Provena Sacred Heart Home of Avilla.

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James Printz

KENDALLVILLE — James J. Printz, 78, of Kendallville died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Printz had retired as a rail engineer with Conrail after 20 years of service. He was currently employed with G. Diamond Transport in Niles, Mich., hauling boats around the country.

He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War.

Mr. Printz was a member of Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301, American Legion Post 86 and the Lakeview, Ohio, Eagles Lodge.

He was born Oct. 21, 1926, in Springfield, Ohio, to James Harry and Ethel May (Pash) Printz. On Dec. 28, 1957, in Richmond, he married Donna Dean Bowen. She died June 24, 1980.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steve Printz of Cromwell and James H. and Nancy Printz of Valparaiso; two daughters, Sheila Bolen of Albion and Linda Printz of Kendallville; a brother, Richard "Bud" Printz of Springfield; seven grandchildren, Stephanie Printz, Richard Printz, Doug Bolen, Kimberly Bolen, Elizabeth Printz, Desire Printz and James Lloyd Printz; and four great-grandchildren, Luke Daley, Drew Printz, Samuel Printz and Lilly Printz.

Also preceding him in death were his parents and two sisters, Freda Hewitt and Mary Printz.

A celebration of life gathering was held Thursday, December 2, 2004, at Grace Christian Church in Kendallville. Another gathering took place on Friday, December 3, 2004, at Cannon & Lanning Funeral Home in Crooksville, Ohio.

Military graveside services by the Crooksville VFW Post were held Saturday, December 4, 2004, at St. Joseph Cemetery in Crooksville with Pastor Chris Mosley of Grace Christian Church officiating.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Audrey Mumma

KENDALLVILLE — Audrey L. Mumma, 83, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at the Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

She worked at Seyferts in Fort Wayne before moving to Kendallville in 1960. A member of the Harvest Community Church, she worked in housekeeping at the Lutheran Homes in Kendallville for 17 years.

She was born on Aug. 27, 1921 in Auburn to Jay and Mabel (Smith) Bowers. She married Merrill Curtis Mumma on March 10, 1940 in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on April 14, 1958.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Phillip and Kate Mumma of Fort Wayne, Jerry and Carol Mumma of Fort Wayne, Mike and Becky Mumma of Avilla, and Richard and Linda Mumma of Avilla; three daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Frank Wagner of Kendallville, Carol and Henry Heiman of Avilla, and Janet and Steve Meyer of Kendallville; three brothers, Clifford Bowers of Kendallville, Harold Bowers of Kendallville and Harry Bowers of Fort Wayne; and one sister, Lela Luce of North Carolina; 28 grandchildren and 49 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Gary Mumma, in 1977 and one sister.

Services were held Tuesday, December 7, 2004, at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Olson officiating. Burial followed in the Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Menno Christner

STURGIS, Mich — Menno N. Christner, 84, of Sturgis died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at Sturgis Hospital.

Mr. Christner worked for 30 years at Kirsch Co., retiring in 1983. He also worked at the Sturgis Post Office, at Weatherseal in the 1940s and 1950s and as a farmer.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Capt. John J. Kelley V.F.W. Post 1355 of Sturgis.

Mr. Christner was a World War II veteran with the Army 82nd Airborne division. He drove ammunition supply vehicles for the front lines during battle, earning, among other medals, the Purple Heart. He suffered a wound during the Normandy campaign.

He was born March 22, 1920, near Honeyville in LaGrange County to Daniel and MaryAnn (Hershberger) Christner. He married Eva Oxender in Angola on May 25, 1946. She preceded him in death in 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Harold and Donald Christner, both of Sturgis; a daughter, Helen Quick of Howe; a sister, Betty Christner of Vicksburg, Mich.; three brothers, Jonas of Sturgis, Earl of Vicksburg and Wayne of Arizona; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Gary Gene, in 1971; a half brother, Monroe; and two half sisters, Barbara Blough and Clara Christner.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home Ltd. in Sturgis with the Rev. Cal Kolzow of Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana with military honors by the Capt. John J. Kelley V.F.W. Post 1355.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Jeraldine Altheide

OSSIAN — Jeraldine Iola Altheide, 75, of Ossian died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Altheide was a native of Kendallville and had spent most of her adult life in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing and making wax creations. She also enjoyed spreading the word of God through gospel tracts.

Mrs. Altheide is survived by four sons, Clifford E. Hoshaw of St. Petersburg, Fla., Stewart Bruce Hoshaw of Fort Wayne, Henry S. Altheide Jr. of LaQuinta, Calif., and Charles E. Altheide of Ossian; a daughter, Mary Etta Rupp of Deltona, Fla.; a brother, Ivan Grossman of Sebring, Fla.; two sisters, Barbara Gantt of Gantt, Ala., and Monabelle Terrell of Fort Wayne; and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Altheide, in 1990, and a son, David.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to World Missionary Press.

Charles G. Horny

ANGOLA — Charles G. Horny, 81, of Angola died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Horny was born April 14, 1923, in Monroe, Mich., to John and Genevieve (Knotek) Horny. He was married to Frances C. Gazarek on Oct. 26, 1946, and she preceded him in death on April 29, 1993.

He was a foreman in the experimental department of Zollner Pistons for 33 years. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, the Angola Moose Lodge and the Czech Dancers Club.

Surviving are a son, Richard Horny of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Judy Simmroth and Lorrie Simmons, both of Angola; and four grandchildren.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Paula Lee

LAOTTO — Paula Troyer Lee, 48, of LaOtto died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at her home. She had been in failing health for more than three years.

Mrs. Lee

Mrs. Lee was a 1974 graduate of East Noble High School and had spent all of her life in the LaOtto area.

She also graduated from a floral design school. Her career as a floral designer spanned a period of 25 years. She had been a designer for FTD and Teleflora and had done design work for Walter Eckles, Bakers' Flowers, the Sprinkling Can, the Flower Nook, Chloe's Florists, Floral Creations by Diana and Armstrong's Flowers.

For the last few years she had been employed at Perry Hill Elementary School north of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lee was a gifted pianist and organist and had been the music director at LaOtto Wesleyan Church for many years. She began performing at the church at age 12.

She was born July 4, 1956, in Garrett to Arthur L. and Pauline (Keller) Troyer. Her mother survives in LaOtto and her father died May 26, 1999.

Surviving are two sons, Aaron Lee and Ryan Lee, both at home; a stepdaughter and her husband, Andrea and Tom Lee Myers of Wolcottville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Phillip A. and Kathy Troyer of LaOtto and Don and Vickie Troyer of Avilla; a stepgranddaughter, Emily Myers of Wolcottville; two nieces; and seven nephews.

Also preceding her in death was a brother, Michael Troyer, on Nov. 10, 1993.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at LaOtto Wesleyan Church with Pastors Lois and James Watkins officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to her sons in care of Farmers & Merchants Bank, P.O. Box 158, LaOtto, IN 46763 or to the LaOtto Wesleyan Church Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Lucille Brooks

AUBURN — Lucille C. Brooks, 81, of Auburn died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Wellman, Iowa, she was a housekeeper with Cordell Medical Center for 25 years.

She is survived by a sister, Bernice Kinner of Davenport, Iowa; a stepdaughter-in-law, Margaret Jamieson of Auburn; two grandchildren, Robert M. and Craig A. Jamieson, both of Auburn; and a sister, Pearl Paintin of Coraville, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 4-9 p.m. at the funeral home and Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m.

Memorials are to the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Ernest Peterson

PALESTINE, Texas — Former Ligonier, Ind., resident Ernest Ray Peterson, 85, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at his home in Palestine, Texas.

Mr. Peterson retired in 1983 after 30 years with Solar Turbines Inc., in San Diego, where he held the position of field and technical representative.

A graduate of Ligonier High School, he had been a resident of Palestine since 1985, moving there from San Diego, Calif.

Mr. Peterson was born May 5, 1919, in Ligonier to Henry and Ruth (Rowe) Peterson.

He served his country during World War II in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include a son, Benjamin W. Peterson of Palestine; a brother, Ellsworth C. Peterson of Ligonier; a sister, Mary Katherine Schlotterback of Albion; seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Janet V. (Compton) Peterson, in 2003; a daughter, Cleo Ann Smith; and a sister, Helen L. Ream.

Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Eden Cemetery in Topeka, Ind., with the Rev. John Hockman of Topeka Mennonite Church officiating.

Calling will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. At 1:45 p.m., a procession will go from the funeral home to the cemetery.

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Mable Chenoweth

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. — Mable Marie Chenoweth, 91, of Sierra Vista, Ariz., died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004.

Formerly of Muncie and Auburn, she most recently was a 33-year resident of Sierra Vista.

She was born Sept. 3, 1913, in Henry County to Harry and Elizabeth (Reeder) Anthony.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Carroll N. Chenoweth.

Surviving are a son, Thomas A. Chenoweth of Tombstone, Ariz.; two granddaughters, Marci Lee Chenoweth of Sierra Vista and Jennifer Jill Sparks of Eugene, Ore.; two great-grandchildren, Anthony Kaleb and Kiersten Elizabeth Sparks of Eugene, Ore.; and two nieces, Winifred Carter of Willcox, Ariz., and Wanita Spence of Muncie.

Family graveside services will be held at Union Cemetery in Selma, Ind., at a later date.

Jensen's Sierra Vista Mortuary is handling arrangements.

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Orla Troyer

Orla D. Troyer, 81, of Topeka died at 10:20 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Troyer was a farmer and a minister for the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born March 16, 1923, in Midland, Mich., to Neil and Fannie (Bontrager) Troyer. On Nov. 25, 1943, in Topeka, he married Edna Yoder. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Glenn and Vera Troyer and Howard and Barbara Troyer, all of Ligonier, LeRoy and Anna Marie Troyer of LaGrange, Maynard and Vera Troyer of Topeka, and Floyd and Mary Ellen Troyer of Chouteau, Okla.; seven daughters and five sons-in-law, Irene and Mel Mullet and Gertie Troyer, all of Topeka, Mary Ellen and Freeman Bontrager of LaGrange, Pollyanna Stoll of Mio, Mich., Fannie Marie and Phillip Wagler of Fremont, Mich., Amanda Sue and Sam Yoder of Bloomingdale, Mich., and Edna Mae and David Jr. Schlabach of Clare, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Junior and Luella Cross of Topeka; 64 grandchildren; 107 great-grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Anna Marie Miller; three infant sons; and two sons-in-law.

Services were Saturday December 4, with Bishop Marlin Frey officiating. Burial was in Hawpatch Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling was on Thursday December 2 and Friday December 3 at the family home.

Pallbearers were Leo Bontrager, Andy Bontrager, Orlie Lambright, Felty Yoder, Calvin Miller and Vern Fry.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

Clara Yoder

Clara J. Yoder, 87, of Shipshewana died Thursday, December 2, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Yoder was a homemaker and lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born June 22, 1917, in LaGrange County to John S. and Martha J. (Miller) Miller. On March 4, 1937, in Topeka she married Andrew A. Yoder. He died Oct. 9, 1997.

Surviving are seven daughters and sons-in-law, Mattie and David Fry of Ligonier, Clara and Joe Slaback and Katie and Alfred Kauffman, all of Middlebury, Lizzie and Marvin Kauffman of Millersburg, Mary and Steve Loy and Ida and Cristy Miller of Shipshewana and Rose and Don Wideman of Ottertail, Minn.; six sons and four daughters-in-law, Perry and Rosemary Yoder of Middlebury, John and Joyce Yoder of LaGrange, Amos Yoder and Mahlon Yoder, both of Wolcottville, Ora and Frankie Yoder of Goshen and Andrew and Roseanna Yoder of Shipshewana; five sisters, Lena Sudderman and Mary Sudderman, both of Topeka, Edna Schlabach of Ashland, Ohio, Mattie Swantz of Colona, Iowa, and Katie Miller of LaGrange; 52 grandchildren; and 86 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three daughters, Edna May Taylor, Wilma Kurtz and Ella Yoder; two brothers; and three sisters.

Services were Sunday with Bishop Casper Hochstetler and home ministers officiating. Burial was in Mast Cemetery.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange was in charge of arrangements.

Ernest Peterson

PALESTINE, Texas — Former Ligonier resident Ernest Ray Peterson, 85, died Monday, Dec. 6 at his home in Texas.

Mr. Peterson was born on May 5, 1919 in Ligonier. His parents were Henry and Ruth (Rowe) Peterson.

A graduate of Ligonier High School, he had been a resident of Palestine, Texas since 1985, moving there from San Diego, Calif.

He retired in 1983 after 30 years wth Solar Turbines, Inc., in San Diego, where he held the position of Field and Technical Representative.

He served his country during World War II in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include a son, Benjamin W. Peterson, of Palestine, and a brother, Ellsworth C. Peterson of Ligonier. He had seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Janet V. (Compton) Peterson, in 2003; a daughter, Cleo Ann Smith, and a sister Helen L. Ream.

Graveside services will be Monday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. at the Eden Cemetery in Topeka, with Rev. John Hockman of Topeka Mennonite Church, officiating.

Calling is at 1 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. At 1:45 p.m., a procession will go from the funeral home to the cemetery.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

DECEMBER 9 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

James Printz

James J. Printz, 78, of Kendallville died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Printz had retired as a rail engineer with Conrail after 20 years of service. He was currently employed with G. Diamond Transport in Niles, Mich., hauling boats around the country.

He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War.

Mr. Printz was a member of Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301, American Legion Post 86 and the Lakeview, Ohio, Eagles Lodge.

He was born Oct. 21, 1926, in Springfield, Ohio, to James Harry and Ethel May (Pash) Printz. On Dec. 28, 1957, in Richmond, he married Donna Dean Bowen. She died June 24, 1980.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steve Printz of Cromwell and James H. and Nancy Printz of Valparaiso; two daughters, Sheila Bolen of Albion and Linda Printz of Kendallville; a brother, Richard "Bud" Printz of Springfield; seven grandchildren, Stephanie Printz, Richard Printz, Doug Bolen, Kimberly Bolen, Elizabeth Printz, Desire Printz and James Lloyd Printz; and four great-grandchildren, Luke Daley, Drew Printz, Samuel Printz and Lilly Printz.

Also preceding him in death were his parents and two sisters, Freda Hewitt and Mary Printz.

A celebration of life gathering was held Thursday December 2 at Grace Christian Church in Kendallville. Another gathering took place on Friday December 3 at Cannon & Lanning Funeral Home in Crooksville, Ohio.

Military graveside services by the Crooksville VFW Post were held on Saturday, December 4 at St. Joseph Cemetery in Crooksville with Pastor Chris Mosley of Grace Christian Church officiating.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Divona Correll

Divona Correll, 96, of Kimmell died Sunday, December 5, 2004, at Avalon Nursing Center in Ligonier.

Mrs. Correll was retired from Bendix. She loved horses and dogs and was a volunteer for Cancer Services.

She was born Dec. 21, 1907, in Kimmell to Ulysses S. and Mae (Stephenson) Baker.

Surviving are a brother, Everett Baker of Kimmell; and several nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Harold, Fred and Neal; and two sisters, Ruth McFarren and Fern Menolascino.

Graveside services were Tuesday, December 7 at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating.

Calling was also on Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

THE NEWS SUN

DECEMBER 10 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Former EN science teacher William Savage, 68, dies

KENDALLVILLE — Former East Noble High School science teacher William P. "Bill" Savage, 68, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries he sustained in a traffic accident Monday north of Kendallville.

Mr. Savage

Mr. Savage was an educator and coach with East Noble School Corp. for 34 years. He retired in July 1997. He taught science and coached junior high football and high school wrestling.

He had served as the play-by-play commentator at the East Noble High School football games for more than 30 years.

Mr. Savage graduated in 1954 from Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne and then from Purdue University in 1959 with a bachelor of science degree. He then attended St. Francis College in Fort Wayne and received a master of education degree in 1963. In 1973, he achieved a second master of arts and teaching degree from Indiana University in Bloomington.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion, Noble County Retired Teachers' Association, Indiana Retired Teachers' Association and the National Retired Teachers' Association.

He was born Sept. 10, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Arthur and Thelma (Howe) Savage. On June 5, 1959, in Corozal, Puerto Rico, he married Rafaela Antonia "Rafi" Rodriguez. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin Michael and Rebecca Savage of Cincinnati, Ohio, James Robert and Tamara Savage of Garrett, Thomas Joseph and Kelli Savage of Kendallville and William Paul and Rachel Savage of Sunrise, Fla.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia Lynn and Gordon Meads of Lexington, Ky., and Penny Louise Mantrom of Bayfield, Colo.; a sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Larry Gump of Huntertown; and nine grandchildren, Mackenzie Mantrom, Nicole Savage, Kayli Savage, Jacob Savage, Nathanial Savage, Michael Savage, Erik Savage, Emily Savage and Jada Meads.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Wayne Edward Savage, on Dec. 4, 1964; and a sister, Kathleen Sue Herendeen.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion with Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and from 2-2:30 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Marguerite Schenkel

FORT WAYNE — Marguerite L. Schenkel, 85, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mrs. Schenkel was a homemaker.

She was a member of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Fort Wayne Country Club and past president of the Towers Association in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

She was a native and lifetime resident of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are three sons, David P. Schenkel, Cletus P. Schenkel Jr. and Christopher Schenkel, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Marita Tuohy of Indianapolis; a brother, Eugene Creigh of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cletus P. Schenkel Sr., in 2002, and a son, William Schenkel.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery. A luncheon will follow.

Calling will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Tom Mungovan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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DECEMBER 10 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Sally Kimbel

BRONSON, Mich. — Sally Ann Kimbel, 70, of Bronson, Mich., died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility in Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Kimbel was born Feb. 1, 1934, in Coldwater to Sylvester and Catherine (Herman) Ross. She was a lifelong Bronson area resident. She graduated from Bronson High School in 1953, and married Edmund Kimbel on July 7, 1956, at St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Bronson. He preceded her in death on Aug. 5, 1992.

She worked for 20 years at the former Darling Manufacturing Co. in Bronson until 1967 when the company moved. She then worked for 25 years at the former Best Western Hotel in Coldwater, retiring in 1992 after the death of her husband.

She was a member of St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church and the Rosary Society. She enjoyed gardening, reading, sewing and cooking.

Surviving are a daughter, Sharon Kimbel of Bronson; a son, Michael Kimbel of Bronson; a granddaughter, Brianne Kimbel of Bronson; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Dolores and Arnold Sikorski of Bronson, Sylvia and Larry Johns of Coldwater and Nancy and Colin Funk of Angola; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ron and Teri Ross of Bronson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church, with the Rev. John Tran officiating. Prayers before services will be at 9:30 a.m. at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson. Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Kolcz Funeral Home, with the rosary recited at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences can be left at www.kolcz.com.

Frances Phillips

FORT WAYNE — Frances Elizabeth "Betty" Phillips, 88, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mrs. Phillips had been an executive secretary with Christ United Methodist Church for 26 years.

She was a member of national, state and Fort Wayne chapters of Pi Omicron Sorority. She had been a leader of church school teacher training classes for associate churches and was past president of Church Women United in Fort Wayne.

She was a native of Bryan, Ohio.

Surviving are two daughters, Sue Forkert of Fort Wayne and Sally Jean Eulitt of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Earl J. and Nancy Eulitt of Kendallville; a stepson and his wife, Carl Lynn and Alberta Phillips of South Bend; a stepdaughter, Linda Phillips of New Philadelphia, Ohio; four grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Clyde W. "Bill" Eulitt in 1976 and Delbert E. Phillips in 2003.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Entombment will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to Pi Omicron Scholarship Fund.

Beulah Pollard

ANGOLA — Beulah Pollard, 76, of Angola died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at her son's home in Berne.

Mrs. Pollard was born Feb. 7, 1928, in Kentucky to Columbus and Maude (Horn) Embs. She was a packer at Modernaire and Aro Corp., retiring in 2003.

She was a member of Calvary Chapel of Auburn.

Surviving are three sons, Phil Pollard of Berne, Jim Pollard of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Ted Pollard of Angola; a brother, Everett Embs of Kentucky; a sister, Zora Corya of North Vernon; five grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Maudine Pollard; a son, Joseph Pollard; a grandson, Gregory Pollard; four sisters; and three brothers.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Metz.

Memorials are to Calvary Chapel of Auburn or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 256 Water St., Berne, IN 46711.

Elizabeth Bontrager

GOSHEN — Elizabeth M. Bontrager, 87, of Goshen died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at 5:11 p.m. after nine months of declining health.

Mrs. Bontrager

A resident of Goshen since her early youth, Mrs. Bontrager was a homemaker. She was a charter member of the Woodlawn Amish-Mennonite Church where she was very active in the sewing circle. She often volunteered her quilts for benefit and relief sales.

She and her husband, Daniel S. Bontrager, served as missionaries in Belgium from 1987-1989. The two married April 21, 1938, in Goshen. He preceded her in death on June 27, 2004.

She was born to Milo J.F. and Polly (Bontrager) Yoder in Yoder, Kan., on Dec. 24, 1916.

Mrs. Bontrager is survived by four daughters and sons-in-law, Loretta and Noah Hochstetler of Belize, Central America, Frieda and Paul Nisly of Hutchinson, Kan., Ruth and David Wickey of LaGrange and Regina and Harley Miller of Goshen; four sons and daughters-in-law, LaVern and Ruby Bontrager, Ervin and Elma Bontrager and Linford and Kay Bontrager, all of Goshen, and Thomas and Mollie Bontrager of Shipshewana; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Anna and Edwin Bontrager of Shipshewana and Edna and Henry Yoder of Goshen; one brother and sister-in-law, Samuel and Frieda Yoder of Nahnashwauk, Minn.; 27 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Joe and Ervin Yoder; five infant siblings; and a granddaughter, Greta Wickey.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Woodlawn Amish-Mennonite Church in Goshen with Bishop Elmer Miller and the Revs. Glen Miller, Steve Miller and Ed Yoder officiating.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Sunday and from 2-4 and from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Goshen.

Memorials are to World Missionary Press of Gospel Echoes Prison Missionary.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is handling arrangements.

Della Knisely

ST. JOE — Della Jean Knisely, 71, formerly of St. Joe, died Thursday morning, Dec. 9, 2004, at Thornapple Manor in Hastings, Mich.

She was born Nov. 3, 1933, in Battle Creek, Mich., to John and Hazel (Gineybaugh) DeGroot.

Her husband, Marion Blaine Knisely, died May 20, 1969.

Surviving are five sons, Roger Evans of Pleasant Lake, Steve Evans of Howard City, Mich., Ronald Knisely of Jonesville, Va., Christopher Knisely of Garrett and Russell Knisely of Hastings; one daughter, Kathleen High of Hastings; 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Roger DeGroot and Bud DeGroot; two sisters, Lil Evans and Shirley DeGroot; and two grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Pastor John Erwin will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Wayne Creager

GARRETT — Wayne L. Creager, 78, of Garrett, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at 6 a.m. at his home.

A lifetime Garrett resident, Mr. Creager served as a conductor for the B&O Railroad for 40 years, retiring in 1988.

He was a World War II Army veteran and member of the Garrett First Church of Christ and the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Mr. Creager

He was born Nov. 7, 1926, in Garrett, to Roy E. Creager and Dell Marie Topper. They preceded him in death.

He married Bonnie L. Dirr on Aug. 27, 1948, in Garrett and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are six daughters, Melinda Bowmar of Fort Wayne, Christine Smith of Garrett, Kathleen VanAllen of Rome City, Roberta LaLone of Nashville, Wendy Giant of Fort Wayne and Bridget Creager of Fort Wayne; a son, Roger Creager of Garrett; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Roy "Rosie" Creager and Earl Creager, both of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Creager, and a sister, Madelaine Zumbaugh.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the Garrett First Church of Christ with Lloyd Mealer and Jim Lilley officiating.

Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association or the First Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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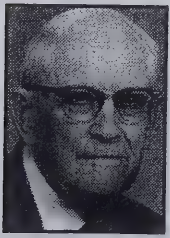
Orvan Bontrager

GOSHEN — Orvan L. Bontrager, 94, formerly of Emma died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at 1:28 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital after a brief illness.


Mr. Bontrager

Mr. Bontrager was a farmer and carpenter. He served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Emma Mennonite Church in Topeka.

Mr. Bontrager was born to Rollin and Nellie (Bontrager) Bontrager on May 11, 1910, in LaGrange County. They preceded him in death.

Also preceding him in death was his first wife, Grace Mishler, whom he married on Jan. 17, 1928. She died April 12, 1979.

Mr. Bontrager then married Esther Greenawalt on Dec. 19, 1979. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Nevin Albrecht of Goshen and Mildred and David Wideman of Ontario, Canada; one stepdaughter and her husband, Jane and Joe Farrell of Goshen; one son and daughter-in-law, Marion and Charlotte Bontrager of Elkhart; and one stepson and his wife, Fred and Deloris Greenawalt of Middlebury; two sisters, Roberta Lantz and Betty Slabach, both of Goshen; 15 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and first wife, Mr. Bontrager was preceded in death by two sons, Maynard and Devon, and a sister, Thelma Yoder.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Emma Mennonite Church in Topeka with the Rev. Gene Hartman of the church officiating.

Calling will be from 1:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the funeral Monday at the church.

Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Memorials are to Mennonite Disaster Services or Mennonite Central Committee.

Roxy Smith

AVILLA — Roxy C. Smith, 93, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and five-year Red Cross volunteer. She was a member of Calvary Third Presbyterian Church and the church's Lydia Circle. She is remembered as a "super cook" and a fan of gardening, fishing and knitting.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gene K. and Paulette Smith of Fort Wayne, Virgil L. and Ruth Smith of Fremont and Ricky P. Smith of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol A. and John Ramsey of Kendallville and Judith and Rick Kneisey of Glendale, Calif.; one son-in-law, Harold Koch of Gann Valley, S.D.; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter S. Smith; a daughter, Norma Ruth Koch; and one great-grandson.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 4-8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Gideons International, Provena Sacred Heart Home or donor's choice.

Services Held

SOUTH MILFORD — Services for **John W. Douglass**, who died Dec. 1, were held Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Church of Christ in Kendallville. Burial was in South Milford Cemetery. Pallbearers were Brent Crum, Ritchie Hamlin, Glen Morr, Marion Nagel, Ron Nichols, James Nichols and Mike Strater. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home handled arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Audrey L. Mumma** were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Roger Olson officiating. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Jay Mumma, Scott Mumma, Shawn Mumma, Jason Mumma, Wayne Heiman and Eric Wagner.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Jerry Hogge** were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jim Hogge, Bob Hogge, Bill Hogge, Steve Hogge, Larry Hogge and Richard Arbaugh.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Bill Abbs** were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Active pallbearers were Troy Abbs, Trevor Abbs, Bryce Abbs, Jordan Knox, Jessica Knox and John Knox. Honorary pallbearers were Fred Inninger, Don Manger, Phil Kirk, Wendell Beck, Dale Reade and David Schmerhorn.

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Mary Treesh

BUTLER — Mary Maxine Treesh, 88, of Butler died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Treesh was a former resident of Waterloo. She worked for Sheller Globe in Grabill and also worked in the kitchens of a few area truck stops throughout her life.

She was a member of Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Waterloo.

She was born March 25, 1916, in Summit to Henry and Emma (Rangey) Deam. They preceded her in death.

On Nov. 19, 1937, she married Walter E. Treesh. He died Sept. 13, 1997.

Surviving are a son, Walter A. Treesh of Auburn; three daughters, Janice Hancock of Butler, Judy Norris of Tampa, Fla., and Eileen Bucklin of Linwood, N.C.; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She also was preceded in death by three daughters, Rosalie Fry Wickline, Dorothy Mae Treesh and Elaine Treesh; two brothers, Carl Deam and Clyde Deam; and a sister, Violet Holden.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Merle Holden will officiate. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery in Waynedale.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lung Association, American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

William Savage

Mr. Savage

KENDALLVILLE — Memorials for William P. "Bill" Savage, 68, of Kendallville can be directed to the American Diabetes Association.

Mr. Savage, a longtime educator, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, as the result of injuries he sustained Monday in a traffic accident.

A funeral service for Mr. Savage is at 2:30 p.m. today at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

Calling is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and from 2-2:30 p.m. today at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

John Clark

FORT WAYNE — Dr. John K. Clark, 81, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at Towne House Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Dr. Clark worked as a dentist in Fort Wayne for 40 years with a degree in dentistry from Indiana University Dental School in 1959. He had attended the University of Michigan after graduating from Avilla High School, but was drafted into the Army for World War II on May 12, 1943.

Mr. Clark

Mr. Clark served in the Army's Big Red One as a medic, serving on Omaha Beach, France, and Germany. During the war he was hospitalized in England and was honorably discharged from the military Dec. 19, 1945.

Dr. Clark was born in Avilla to John S. and Welcom B. Clark. His grandparents were Ephriam and Jenny Krieger. They all preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred "Micki" Clark of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, John K. II and Anita Clark of St. Mary's Ga.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia Clark and David Black of Carmel, Susan and Tim Kearby of Cary, N.C., and Lynn and Mike Coghlan of Fishers; a sister, Winifred Merritt of Detroit; and eight grandchildren, Adam, Dan and Mike Black, Stephanie and Jenny Clark, Dan Kearby and Lauren and Nicole Coghlan.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Calling will be Monday from 2-5 and from 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home and one hour prior to services at the church.

Private family burial will follow the service in the Avilla Cemetery.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's research.

THE NEWS SUN

DECEMBER 12 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

‘Egg lady’ loved chickens, hated weeds

BY BILL GISEL
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ST. JOE — Kathryn Crow was well known as “the egg lady” but it is less well known that she also talked to her 13,000 laying hens as she gathered their eggs.

Mrs. Crow, 87, died Nov. 29, 2004, after a brief period of declining health.

Dan Crow, one of her four surviving sons, said his mother named many of her birds. Another son, Keith “Andy” Crow, recalled that his mother “talked to them just like they were family,” which no doubt increased their production.

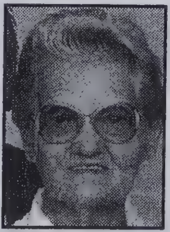
The “egg lady” delivered eggs all over DeKalb County and customers included most restaurants and the hospital, Andy Crow said.

“She had quite an egg route,” Andy Crow recalled, and people also came to the Crow farm to pick up fresh eggs.

“If it was someone we knew, we didn’t even bother going out to help them,” Dan Crow added. “People would just leave the money for what they got.”

Mrs. Crow and her husband, Richard, moved to St. Joe in 1944 and first raised dairy cows on their 600-acre farm. The dairy operation gave way to the egg business.

Both sons recalled their hard-working mother milking cows and her brood of children working, too.


Mrs. Crow

“She loved making us kids pull weeds,” Dan Crow said, “and she could run you down if you tried to get away.” He recalled with a laugh that “we were not an easy bunch to raise.”

“She was a strong lady for just a little, bitty thing,” Andy Crow added. He is a member of the DeKalb County Council, and he recalled that his father was active on the county plan and zoning boards and that added to his mom’s duties.

Other siblings are Mark Crow of St. Joe and Pat Crow of Spencerville. A sister, Peggy, is deceased.

Gardening was a favorite activity for Mrs. Crow, her sons agreed.

“She hated weeds, she was a terror on weeds,” Andy Crow noted. Until recently, Mrs. Crow would “plop herself to the ground so she could weed, and scoot around.”

Her gardening extended to the Concord United Methodist Church, where over the years she taught Sunday school and sang.

“She and my sister, Peggy, could really harmonize,” Dan Crow recalled, “and the people in church really enjoyed it.”

Mrs. Crow could be counted on for just about anything that needed to be done at church, Dan Crow added. “Funeral dinners, flowers, she just knew what needed to be done and she did it.”

Before her death, Mrs. Crow was moved from her home in Concord Township to Smith Farms Manor in Auburn, “but she went downhill,” Dan Crow said.

He recalled that shortly before his mother’s death, during prayers with her family, “she told God she was ready to go. ‘Let’s get this over with, I am ready,’ she said.”

He said most of her friends and all of her brothers and sisters had gone before her.

“She was not ill-prepared (to die) and she gave him (God) the order,” Dan Crow said. “There was no one else like her.”

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
STELLA HOWE

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And when we say I love you, we smile - we know you are here.

Charles & Penny Howe & Family
Judy & Dennis Collins & Family
Glenna Prinzbach & Family

THE NEWS SUN

DECEMBER 12 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Polka dancing one of Mr. Horny's great loves

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Even though he was born in Michigan and spent much of his life in Angola, Charles Horny never let go of his Czech roots.

"He loved polka dancing," said Mr. Horny's daughter, Lorrie Simmons. "All four of my grandparents were from Czechoslovakia."

Mr. Horny died Wednesday at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, where he had been a resident for about a week. He was 81.

Mr. Horny, who Lorrie said could still speak Czech, used to dance with his wife of 50 years, Frances. She passed away 11 years ago, and Lorrie said he "found a lady friend after Mom's death, and then he would go dancing with her."

When Charles and Frances were married, Lorrie said, they went polka dancing on the weekends all over, mostly in Ohio and Michigan.

Mr. Horny

"They made so many good friends through their dancing," Lorrie said. "That really was their social life."

Lorrie said her father would often try to get her and sister, Judy, on the floor with him while he was polka dancing.

"I wasn't much of a polka dancer," she admitted. "I guess you have to have rhythm and coordination ... which he did. I love to dance, but not polka."

In addition to polka dancing, Lorrie said her dad loved smoking meat and baking.

"We will miss his wonderful rye rolls," she said.

Lorrie said her dad was "inventive."

"He made a meat smoker out of an old refrigerator," she remembered. "He would make salami amd sausage from scratch, and then smoke it in the smoker. The whole process from start to finish was long, but I'm telling you, it was the best around."

Lorrie described her father as "a man of honor." She said he "had a wonderful sense of humor, but was a private person." She said he was very family-oriented.

"He loved his grandkids," she said. "He always wanted to know where they were going and what they were up to."

Charles and Frances moved to Angola from Fort Wayne in 1954. Mr. Horny lived in the same house the whole time, only leaving this past week when he was in the final stages of a three-year battle with cancer.

"The doctors told him he wasn't going to make it through," Lorrie said. "But he said, 'I lived a full life.' He was ready to go. He was at peace, and the last week he was in horrible, horrible pain."

And now, Lorrie said, "He's up there in heaven with my mom."

Where, she suspects, they're probably polka dancing.

Donald Strange

KENDALLVILLE — Donald L. Strange, 54, of Kendallville, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at Parkview-Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Strange was employed at Mahoney Aluminum Foundry in Kendallville.

He was born March 7, 1950, in Lackey, Ky., to Doyle and Mae (Smith) Strange.

He married Donna Terry on April 6, 1971, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Donald and Kim Strange, Brian and Shawna Strange and Gary Lee Strange, all of Kendallville; three sisters, Wanda Emerick and Jean Aichele, both of Kendallville, and Bobby Jo Adkins of White Pigeon, Mich.; and two grandsons, Corey Austin Strange and Noah Bailey Strange, both of Kendallville.

One brother, Doyle Strange Jr., preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Grace Christian Church in Kendallville, with Pastor Chris Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Condolences may left on the online guest register at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

James Young

MUNCIE — James Paul Young, 79, of Muncie, died Friday afternoon, Dec. 10, 2004, at The Woodlands in Muncie.

He had been employed at Westinghouse for more than 30 years, retiring in 1990 as maintenance supervisor.

Mr. Young was a member of the Cowan Volunteer Fire Department, from 1957 to 1978, the Cowan Lions Club and Monroe Township Conservation Club and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He graduated from Cowan High School and served in the U.S. Navy.

He was born Nov. 6, 1925, in Delaware County to James Henry and Martha "Paul" Young.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James Paul Young II and Rebecca Young of LaGrange, and Jeff and Jo Young of Muncie; four grandchildren and their spouses, Jason Young of Muncie, Joshua and Michelle Young of Albany, Evelyn K. "Katie" and Mike Phipps of Anderson and Jesse and Ronald Beal of Muncie; eight great-grandchildren; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Evelyn Teal of Muncie, Mary Potts of Michigan and Mildred and Bob Galbraith of Muncie; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Alice Jane "Larrowe" Young, who died in 2003; and two brothers, Dan and Tom Young.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Parson Mortuary, 801 W. Adams St., Muncie, with the Rev. David Schwartz officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Tabor Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the mortuary.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Delaware County, Little Red Door, 401 W. Washington St., Muncie IN 47305.

Leave online condolences at www.parsonmortuary.com.

Donnabelle Hover

LIGONIER — Donnabelle L. Hover, 92, of Ligonier, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Hover was a lifetime resident of Ligonier and worked at the Wirk Garment Factory and Essex Wire, both in Ligonier. She was a member of Burr Oak Church and enjoyed gardening and raising flowers.

She was born April 15, 1912, in Elkhart to Chester and Caddy Lou Heffner.

She married Wallie Allen Hover on Feb. 25, 1929, in Albion. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Carol Hoover of Warrenton, Mo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and Morris Durham of Ligonier; 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren;

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Wallie and Leo Hoover, one brother and three sisters.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. Pastor Sheldon Crapo will officiate. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be today from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation or the Kylan Hunter Foundation.

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Sliding truck kills pedestrian

Woman, 77, was waiting to walk with friend

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LAGRANGE — A woman was killed Monday morning while waiting for a friend to meet her for their regular walk down C.R. 200E, police reported.

Josephine Yunker, 77, of LaGrange was flown by helicopter to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she was pronounced dead from her injuries. She was hit by a truck that slid on ice, hit a garbage truck, then struck her as she stood on the roadside, LaGrange Sheriff's Deputy Randy Mellinger said.

The truck was driven by a 17-year-old LaGrange boy on his way to Lakeland High School to catch a bus for the Elkhart Career Center, Mellinger said. The boy's name is not being released because he is a juvenile.

The boy was driving a 1992 Ford F-150 north on C.R. 200E around 6:45 a.m. As he approached C.R. 50N, he lost control of the truck, which lightly struck the rear of a garbage truck in the southbound lane. The boy's truck then went off the right side of the road and struck Yunker, throwing her an undetermined distance, Mellinger said.

Ice, not speed, was the main factor in the crash. Mellinger estimated the boy was probably traveling about 10 mph under the 55 mph speed limit.

"(The boy) was under the speed limit, but still too fast for the icy roads," Mellinger said.

Neither the boy nor anyone in the

TRUCK: *Deputy says no charges expected to be filed*

Borden Waste Away Services garbage truck, driven by Danny R. Beasley of Elkhart, sustained injuries. The boy's truck sustained $3,500 damage. The garbage truck was not damaged.

Routine toxicology tests were run on the boy at LaGrange Community Hospital after the accident. Mellinger said he does not suspect that the boy was under the influence of illegal substances. The boy was released to his mother.

Mellinger said no charges have been filed against the boy and none are expected.

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Loretta England

FORT WAYNE — Loretta England, 62, formerly of Churubusco died at 3:20 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne from complications after submitting to heart surgery in July.

Mrs. England

Mrs. England had lived in Churubusco for more than 30 years until moving to Fort Wayne in 1999. She had lived in Columbia City from 1961 to 1969.

She retired in 1996 from Dana Weatherhead Division in Columbia City after 30 years of service. She was a member of the United Auto Workers.

Mrs. England was born Sept. 5, 1942, in Hanover, W.Va., to Raymond R. and Bertha (Davis) Paynter. On Dec. 23, 1959, in Hanover she married William R. England Sr. He died May 21, 1996.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William R. and Rita England Jr. of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Shannon and Mark Young of Churubusco; a foster daughter and her husband, Tiffany and Jason Trostel of Collins; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Gail Roberts of Wilkesboro, N.C.; three half brothers, Raymond "Randy" Paynter Jr. of Massachusetts, and Johnny D. Paynter and Jack D. Paynter, both of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a half sister and her husband, Sandra and Mac Hatfield of Beckley, W.Va.; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and her companion, Charlie Thompson of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Bradley W. "Bubba" England Sept. 14, 1992; a brother, Bueford "Joe" Paynter; and a foster son, Gregory Bernard.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastors Tim Kumfer and Thomas Beers officiating. Burial will be in South Park Cemetery Annex in Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Donnabelle Hagerty

ELLENTON, Fla. — Donnabelle A. "Donna" Hagerty, 75, of Ellenton died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, in Sarasota.

Mrs. Hagerty had moved to Ellenton in 1987 from Houston, Texas.

She was a retired bookkeeper.

Mrs. Hagerty was born May 13, 1929, in Goshen, Ind., to Arthur and Rosy (Kitson) Higgins. On Feb. 2, 1950, in Scott, Ind., she married John M. "Jack" Hagerty. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kim Ann Hagerty of Spokane, Wash.; two sons, Scott M. Hagerty of Lake Forest, Calif., and Terry B. Hagerty of Los Angeles, Calif.; and three brothers, Dale Higgins and Donald Higgins, both of Bradenton, and David Higgins of Shipshewana, Ind.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. Nancy Richmond officiating. Burial will be in Sidener Cemetery at Howe, Ind.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Virginia Williams

AUBURN — Virginia Williams, 79, of Auburn died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Williams worked for 42 years at W. C. Redmon & Sons Co. in Peru, retiring in 1987. She was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses Auburn Kingdom Hall.

Born April 11, 1925, in Garrett, she was the daughter of Walter Elery Mowrey and Girlean Edna (Shields) Mowrey.

On Jan. 5, 1942 in Angola, she married Brand "B.A." Williams. He died Nov. 14, 1995.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Norma Jean and Richard Sechler of Garrett; and a niece and her husband, Trisha and Terry Miller of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Venis Mowrey; a niece, Tonyua Surfus; and her parents.

Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Jehovah's Witnesses or the American Cancer Society.

Josephine Yunker

LAGRANGE — Josephine A. Yunker, 77, of LaGrange died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Yunker had moved to LaGrange in 1968 from Albion.

She was a former employee of the LaGrange Veterinary Clinic, Miller's Merry Manor and Farmers State Bank, all in LaGrange.

Mrs. Yunker was a member of the United Methodist Women, a volunteer at LaGrange Community Hospital and an avid bowler.

She was born Dec. 16, 1926, in Whitley County to Aquilla and Fern (Estlick) Marker. On Aug. 11, 1947, in Columbia City she married Junior Hart. On Oct. 12, 1968, in Albion she married Donovan Eagleson. He died March 17, 1974. On Sept. 29, 1979, in LaGrange she married William L. Yunker. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Gary Frehse of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Kathy Hart of Auburn; her stepmother, Evelyn Fritz of South Whitley; two stepsons, William Yunker Jr. of LaGrange and Rick Yunker and his wife, Elizabeth, of Chicago; a sister, Margaret Ober of Kendallville; two stepbrothers, James Marker of Ligonier and Larry Marker of Kendallville; four grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Kim Heffley

KENDALLVILLE — Kim Newman Heffley, 48, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, in the Hickory Creek at Kendallville nursing home.

Mr. Heffley was a former Auburn resident. He was a former member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church and more recently had attended Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church in Auburn.

He was born Aug. 4, 1956, in Auburn, to Larry and Carolyn Sue (Wells) Heffley.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Larry and Ara Heffley of Auburn; his grandmother, Ruth Heffley of Waterloo; two brothers, Keenan Heffley of Butler and Kirk Heffley of Kendallville; and two sisters, Kandy Saucedo of Auburn and Kris Daniels of Weston, W.Va.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in Waterloo Cemetery with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church.

Doris Prentice

ST. JOE — Doris E. Prentice, 77, of St. Joe died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, at 7:20 p.m. at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Prentice was a homemaker. She had lived in St. Joe for the past 47 years.

She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of DeKalb County.

Mrs. Prentice

She was born Aug. 16, 1927, in Detroit to Louis F.W. and Alvina H.L. (Esch) Rossow.

She married Neil A. Prentice on Jan. 15, 1947, in Detroit. He survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are four sons, Michael Prentice of Kendallville, Lowell Prentice of Ashley, Leonard Prentice of Arab, Ala., and Roger Prentice of Butler; two daughters, Marlene Carpenter of Fort Wayne and Carol Mansfield of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, seven stepgreat-grandchildren, and a brother, Howard Rossow of Detroit.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Richard Rossow.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Marjorie Deignan

WARWICK, R.I. — Marjorie Kindelan Deignan, 94, of Warwick, R.I., died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, at Kent County Memorial Hospital in Warwick.

She was a charter member of the St. Kevin Church Women's Club in Warwick.

Born in Providence, R.I. to Stephen E. and Helen (Creamer) Kindelan, she had lived in Warwick since 1952.

Surviving are three daughters, Sheila A. Brennan of Warwick, R.I., Mary Elaine Mazer of Spring Hill, Fla., and Margaret L. Lisi of East Greenwich, R.I.; three sons, Stephen E. Deignan and D. Michael Deignan, both of Hilton Head, S.C., and Paul F. Deignan of Angola; two sisters, Sr. Ruth Kindelan of Albany, N.Y. and Adrienne Newell of Sharon, Mass.; and one brother, James F. Kindelan of Palos Verdes, Calif.; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John H. Deignan Jr.; one son, John H. Deignan III; three brothers, Sr. Stephen Mary, Stephen E. Kindelan and John F. Kindelan; three sisters, Dorothy Hopcraft, Pauline Powers and Mary Killoran Conner.

Services were today at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Mercy Church, East Greenwich, R.I. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery in Pawtucket, R.I.

Memorials are to Our Lady of Mercy Parish Outreach, 65 Third St., East Greenwich, R.I. 02818.

Robert Storey Jr.

ASHLEY — Robert Storey Jr., 73, of Ashley died at 10:05 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at his home following an extended.

Mr. Storey had retired in 1994 from Kendallville Castings.

He was a member of Stroh United Baptist Church and a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born March 25, 1931, in Mt. Vernon to Robert W. Sr. and Buelah (Ridens) Storey. He married the former Lula Smith and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert D. and Wilda Storey of Ashley, Larry and Sharon Beverly of Wawaka and Freeman and Denise Beverly of Homer; two brothers, Joseph Storey of Atlanta, Ga., and Don Storey of New Castle; two sisters, Linda Mortimore of Chandler and Jean Storey of Alabama; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father; his mother; his stepmother, Elise Storey; a son, Earl Wayne Storey; a grandchild, Joey Beverly; a sister, Elise Storey; and two brothers, Johnny Storey and Paul Storey.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Stroh United Baptist Church with Pastor Jerry Collins and Pastor Rick Davis of Stroh United Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Rome City.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

Roxy Smith

AVILLA — Roxy C. Smith, 93, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and five-year Red Cross volunteer. She was a member of Calvary Third Presbyterian Church and the church's Lydia Circle. She is remembered as a "super cook" and a fan of gardening, fishing and knitting.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gene K. and Paulette Smith of Fort Wayne, Virgil L. and Ruth Smith of Fremont and Ricky P. Smith of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol A. and John Ramsey of Kendallville and Judith and Rick Kneisley of Glendale, Calif.; a son-in-law, Harold Koch of Gann Valley, S.D.; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter S. Smith; a daughter, Norma Ruth Koch; and one great-grandson.

Services were Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Gideons International, Provena Sacred Heart Home Alzheimer's Unit or donor's choice.

Harold Mynhier

PLEASANT LAKE — Harold J. "Stub" Mynhier, 78, of Pleasant Lake died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004.

Mr. Mynhier was born in Stroh on Aug. 19, 1926, to Milburne and Laura (Frisby) Mynhier. He married Joan Phillips on Feb. 20, 1948, in Angola, and she survives.

He was retired from Dana-Weatherhead in Angola after 40 years. He was a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423 for 57 years, and belonged to the Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

He was on the board of the Salem Center Fire Department and was a Salem Center High School graduate.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Bruce Dilts of Pleasant Lake; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry and Kathie Mynhier of Eaton Rapids, Mich., and Jerry Mynhier of Pleasant Lake; grandchildren, Jennifer and Dan Abbott, Mandy and Gordon Mynhier, Carrie and Tom Mynhier and Nichole Dilts; stepgrandchildren, Stacey and Neal McCue and Shana and Jeff Holden; and great-grandchildren, Dalton, Tyler, Hunter, Addison, Claire, Brendan, Kayden and Grayden.

He was preceded in death by a son, Eric, in 1989; three brothers, Marvin, Robert and Oscar; two stepbrothers, Frank and Earl Mynhier; and three sisters, Opal, Mildred and Dorena.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Calling will be 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

Burial will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery, rural Hudson. Military graveside services will be conducted by members of the Orland American Legion post.

Memorials are to the Salem Center Fire Department.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

M. Jake Cramer

FORT WAYNE — M. "Jake" Cramer, 72, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at home.

Mr. Cramer was born May 13, 1932, in Fort Wayne. He was a police officer for the Fort Wayne Police Department for 22 years, retiring in 1979.

He was a veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Karol; two daughters and sons-in-law, Denis and Brian Keane and Triva and Patrick Screenton, all of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Amy Cramer of Shipshewana; a sister, Charlene Bierbaum of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren Mike, Joe, Ben, Claire and Hope.

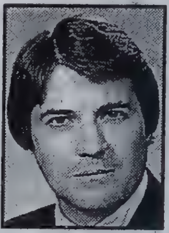
Private family services are planned.

Memorials are to the Police Athletic League.

James Weber

AUBURN — James A. Weber, 64, of Auburn died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at his home from complications due to a blood clot in his heart.

Mr. Weber was retired after teaching and coaching for 25 years, most recently at Bellmont and DeKalb high schools. He was very active in coaching youth sports, AAU basketball and high school sports.



Mr. Weber

He was born April 10, 1940, in Chicago.

He married Josie A. Van Damme on June 10, 1967, in South Bend. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, W. Erik Weber of Auburn and Brad J. Weber of Cleveland, Ohio; one sister, Pamela Weber Hippensteel of Fort Wayne; one sister-in-law and her husband, Lillian and David Beres of Atlanta; one brother-in-law and his wife, Mark and Lisa Van Damme of Granger; and two grandchildren, Bailey M. Weber and Reid J. Weber, both of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William E. Weber and Margaret Weber Pence, and a daughter, Wendy Joy Weber.

A private family service will be at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Youth Football League c/o Erik Weber, 130 E. Seventh St., Auburn, IN 46706.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

Kim Heffley

KENDALLVILLE — Kim Newman Heffley, 48, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, in the Hickory Creek at Kendallville nursing home.

Mr. Heffley was a former Auburn resident. He was a former member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church and more recently had attended Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church in Auburn.

He was born Aug. 4, 1956, in Auburn, to Larry and Carolyn Sue (Wells) Heffley.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Larry and Ara Heffley of Auburn; his grandmother, Ruth Heffley of Waterloo; two brothers, Keenan Heffley of Butler and Kirk Heffley of Kendallville; and two sisters, Kandy Saucedo of Auburn and Kris Daniels of Weston, W. Va.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in Waterloo Cemetery with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church or to a fund in memory of Kim Heffley to benefit handicapped people.

Jonas Weaver

SHIPSHEWANA — Jonas L. Weaver, 78, of Shipshewana and Florida died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, in Doctors Hospital in Sarasota, Fla.

Mr. Weaver was a member of the Amish Church.

He was born April 9, 1926, in LaGrange County to Levi and Lizzie Ann (Mast) Weaver. On April 16, 1946, he married Mary Fry. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Lee and Lizzie Weaver and Freeman and Mary Weaver, all of Topeka, and Delbert and Susie Weaver of LaGrange; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Katie and John Schlabach of Shipshewana, Sue and Ray Borntrager of Yoder, Kan., and Ada Mae Graber of Shipshewana; 38 grandchildren; and 140 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son; an infant daughter; two sisters; three brothers; a grandchild; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Lee Weaver home at 0825 C.R. 700W, Topeka, with Bishop Jerry Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in West Yoder Cemetery.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the Lee Weaver home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Millersburg is in charge of arrangements.

Carol Russell

TOPEKA — Carol J. Russell, 64, of Topeka died at 8:07 a.m. Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mrs. Russell was a homemaker.

She was born June 21, 1940, in Hackervalley, W.Va., to Orval and Letha (Collins) Eubank. On Dec. 8, 1984, in Topeka, she married Frank Russell. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Carl James Miller Jr. of Perry, Ga., Jeffrey Miller of Rome City and Morris Michael Montgomery of Topeka; a daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Farley of Cromwell; a brother, Charles Eubank; three sisters, Marlene Freytag and Geraldine Clevenger, both of Curtin, W.Va., and Shirley Eubank of Dublin, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Topeka United Methodist Church with Pastor Bob Weyman officiating. Burial will be at Eden Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Robert Hall

PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Former Angola resident Robert E. Hall, 76, of Port Richey, Fla., died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at Regional Medical Center in Bayonet Point, Fla.

Mr. Hall was born in Orleans, and lived in Angola for 32 years. He was a brick mason, and served on the Angola Police Department Reserves for 21 years. He was a member of Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236.

Surviving are his wife, Ardith; three daughters, Patricia Totten of Fort Wayne, Jan White and Dana Hall, both of Coldwater, Mich.; a grandson, Patrick White of Coldwater; his mother, Bessie Jones; and two half-sisters, Sharon Sapp and Shirley Bobbett.

Arrangements were handled by Previtt Funeral and Cremation Services in Hudson, Fla.

THE NEW ERA

DECEMBER . 15 2004 Albion, Indiana

Robert Storey, Jr.

ASHLEY — Robert Storey, Jr., 73, of Ashley died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Storey had retired in 1994 from Kendallville Castings.

He was a member of Stroh United Baptist Church and a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born March 25, 1931, in Mt. Vernon to Robert W., Sr. and Buelah (Ridens) Storey. He married the former Lula Smith, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert D. and Wilda Storey of Ashley, Larry and Sharon Beverly of Wawaka and Freeman and Denise Beverly of Homer; two brothers, Joseph Storey of Atlanta, Ga., and Don Storey of New Castle; two sisters, Linda Mortimore of Chandler and Jean Storey of Alabama; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father; his mother; his stepmother, Elise Storey; a son, Earl Wayne Storey; a grandchild, Joey Beverly; a sister, Elise Storey; and two brothers, Johnny Storey and Paul Storey.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Stroh United Baptist Church with Pastor Jerry Collins and Pastor Rick Davis of Stroh United Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Rome City.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

Paula Troyer Lee

LAOTTO — Paula Troyer Lee, 48, of LaOtto died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at her home. She had been in failing health for more than three years.

Mrs. Lee was a 1974 graduate of East Noble High School and had spent all of her life in the LaOtto area.

She also graduated from a floral design school. Her career as a floral designer spanned a period of 25 years. She had been a designer for FTD and Teleflora and had done design work for Walter Eckles, Bakers' Flowers, the Sprinkling Can, the Flower Nook, Chloe's Florists, Floral Creations by Diana and Armstrong's Flowers.

For the last few years she had been employed at Perry Hill Elementary School north of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lee was a gifted pianist and organist and had been the music director at LaOtto Wesleyan Church for many years. She began performing at the church at age 12.

She was born July 4, 1956, in Garrett to Arthur L. and Pauline (Keller) Troyer. Her mother survives in LaOtto and her father died May 26, 1999.

Surviving are two sons, Aaron Lee and Ryan Lee, both at home; a stepdaughter and her husband, Andrea (Tom Lee) Myers of Wolcottville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Phillip A. and Kathy Troyer of LaOtto and Don and Vickie Troyer of Avilla; a stepgranddaughter, Emily Myers of Wolcottville; two nieces; and seven nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur L. Troyer and by a brother, Michael Troyer on November 10, 1993.

Services were held Saturday, December 11, 2004, at LaOtto Wesleyan Church with Pastors Lois and James Watkins officiating. Burial was in Huntertown Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials are to her sons in care of Farmers & Merchants Bank, P.O. Box 158, LaOtto, IN 46763 or to the LaOtto Wesleyan Church Building Fund.

Ernest Peterson

PALESTINE, Texas — Former Ligonier resident Ernest Ray Peterson, 85, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at his home in Palestine, Texas.

Mr. Peterson retired in 1983 after 30 years with Solar Turbines Inc., in San Diego, where he held the position of field and technical representative.

A graduate of Ligonier High School, he had been a resident of Palestine since 1985, moving there from San Diego, Calif.

Mr. Peterson was born May 5, 1919, in Ligonier to Henry and Ruth (Rowe) Peterson.

He served his country during World War II in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include a son, Benjamin W. Peterson of Palestine; a brother, Ellsworth C. Peterson of Ligonier; a sister, Mary Katherine Schlotterback of Albion; seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Janet V. (Compton) Peterson, in 2003; a daughter, Cleo Ann Smith; and a sister, Helen L. Ream.

Graveside services were held Monday, December 13, 2004, at Eden Cemetery in Topeka, IN, with the Rev. John Hockman of Topeka Mennonite Church officiating.

Loretta England

FORT WAYNE — Loretta England, 62, formerly of Churubusco died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne from complications after submitting to heart surgery in July.

Mrs. England had lived in Churubusco for more than 30 years until moving to Fort Wayne in 1999. She had lived in Columbia City from 1961 to 1969.

She retired in 1996 from Dana Weatherhead Division in Columbia City after 30 years of service. She was a member of the United Auto Workers.

Mrs. England was born Sept. 5, 1942, in Hanover, W.Va., to Raymond R. and Bertha (Davis) Paynter. On Dec. 23, 1959, in Hanover she married William R. England Sr. He died May 21, 1996.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William R. (Rita) England Jr. of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Shannon and Mark Young of Churubusco; a foster daughter and her husband, Tiffany and Jason Trostel of Collins; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Gail Roberts of Wilkesboro, N.C.; three half brothers, Raymond "Randy" Paynter Jr. of Massachusetts, and Johnny D. Paynter and Jack D. Paynter, both of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a half sister and her husband, Sandra and Mac Hatfield of Beckley, W.Va.; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and her companion, Charlie Thompson of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Bradley W. "Bubba" England Sept. 14, 1992; a brother, Bueford "Joe" Paynter; and a foster son, Gregory Bernard.

Services were held Wednesday, December 15, 2004, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastors Tim Kumfer and Thomas Beers officiating. Burial was in South Park Cemetery Annex in Columbia City.

Memorials are to the family.

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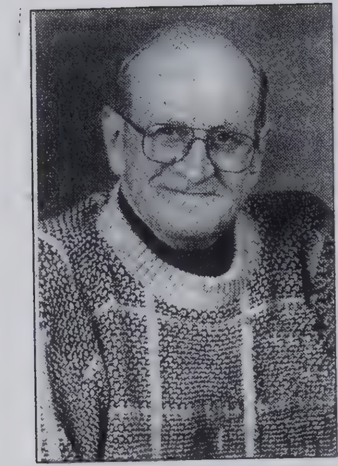

Richard Kyler

COLUMBIA CITY -- Richard Kenneth Kyler, 70, of Columbia City, died at 7:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 12, 2004, at his residence.

Mr. Kyler was born in Whitley County on March 28, 1934 to Kendall Kenneth and Mary Jane (Haverstick) Kyler. He graduated from Columbia City High School with the class of 1952. He married Charlotte Ann Zumbrun on January 30, 1953 at the First Church of God, Columbia City. He lived for brief periods in Denver, CO, Mt. Clemons, MI, Victoria Island, Canada and the majority of his life was spent in Whitley County. He served with the United States Air Force from 1954-1958. He retired from ITT, Fort Wayne, as a senior program administrator where he worked from 1958-1996. He was a member of Columbia City Masonic Lodge and was a former member of the Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne, Larwill Lions Club and was a former leader of the Boy Scouts. He also taught radio classes at ITT College, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte of Columbia City; three children, Vickie S. (Darrell) Resler, Churubusco, Steven M. (Laura) Kyler, Columbia City, and Eric S. (Jessica Hively) Kyler, Columbia City; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Phyllis J. Blanchard.

Visitation was Tuesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Masonic Twilight Services were held at the funeral home Tuesday evening. Funeral services are today at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Gene Rohrer of the Oak Grove United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will be at the South Whitley Cemetery, South Whitley.

Memorials may be given in Mr. Kyler's memory to either the Oak Grove United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

For additional obituary information, sending condolences or signing the family register book, log on to www.demoneygrimes.com.

Man dies from hypothermia, alcohol

GREEN TOWNSHIP, Noble County — A young man found lying face down in the mud at the end of the drive to his residence Saturday morning has died, according to information from the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

Michael Wojcik, 18, was spotted by a passerby lying in the driveway at 4354 E 400 S in Green Township and notified the sheriff's department at 11:50 a.m. Saturday.

Wojcik was transported to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne by helicopter where he died Monday night as a result of hypotherima. Alcohol is believed to have been a contributing factor in his death.

Reports indicate that Wojcik had been out on Friday night with friends who dropped him off at the residence sometime between 1:30 and 3:30 a.m. Saturday.

Wojcik made his home with Jerry Kahlenbeck. No additional details were available Tuesday.

William Savage

KENDALLVILLE — Former East Noble High School science teacher William P. "Bill" Savage, 68, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries he sustained in a traffic accident Monday north of Kendallville.

Mr. Savage was an educator and coach with East Noble School Corp. for 34 years. He retired in July 1997. He taught science and coached junior high football and high school wrestling.

He had served as the play-by-play commentator at the East Noble High School football games for more than 30 years.

Mr. Savage graduated in 1954 from Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne and then from Purdue University in 1959 with a bachelor of science degree. He then attended St. Francis College in Fort Wayne and received a master of education degree in 1963. In 1973, he achieved a second master of arts and teaching degree from Indiana University in Bloomington.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion, Noble County Retired Teachers' Association, Indiana Retired Teachers' Association and the National Retired Teachers' Association.

He was born Sept. 10, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Arthur and Thelma (Howe) Savage. On June 5, 1959, in Corozal, Puerto Rico, he married Rafaela Antonia "Rafi" Rodriguez. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin Michael and Rebecca Savage of Cincinnati, Ohio, James Robert and Tamara Savage of Garrett, Thomas Joseph and Kelli Savage of Kendallville and William Paul and Rachel Savage of Sunrise, Fla.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia Lynn and Gordon Meads of Lexington, Ky., and Penny Louise Mantrom of Bayfield, Colo.; a sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Larry Gump of Huntertown; and nine grandchildren, Mackenzie Mantrom, Nicole Savage, Kayli Savage, Jacob Savage, Nathanial Savage, Michael Savage, Erik Savage, Emily Savage and Jada Meads.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Wayne Edward Savage, on Dec. 4, 1964; and a sister, Kathleen Sue Herendeen.

Services were held Saturday, December 11, 2004, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion with Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

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Benjamin Booher

OAKFIELD, Wis. — Benjamin Heath "Ben" Booher, 18, of Oakfield and formerly of Noble County, Ind., died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, as the result of an automobile accident in Sheboygan County.

Benjamin's father, Greg, had served as the Extension agent in Noble County.

He was born on Jan. 3, 1986, in Zanesville, Ohio, to Gregory and Deborah (Dunlap) Booher. He was a graduate of Oakfield High School Class of 2004. He was a standout soccer player and wrestler at Oakfield High. Earlier this year, he competed at the Wisconsin State Wrestling Tournament. He was also involved in FFA.

He was a member of Grace Reformed Church in Fond du Lac and was an active member of the youth group. He was very active in the family business of show pig production and competition. He was currently a freshman at Lakeland College where he was on the wrestling squad.

Surviving are his parents; paternal grandmother, Catherine Miller of West Lafayette, Ohio; paternal great-grandmother, Audrey Mizer of West Lafayette, Ohio; maternal grandfather, Harold E. Dunlap of Coshocton, Ohio; and three aunts and uncles, Pamela Deibel and husband, Eric, of Fresno, Ohio, John Dunlap and wife, Julie, of Newark, Ohio, and Deborah Croft and husband, Neil, of Keene, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfathers, Dorren Miller and Russell Booher; and his maternal grandmother, Norma Dunlap.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Grace Reformed Church with the Rev. Barry Vegter officiating. Burial will take place in Canel Lewisville Cemetery, Coshocton, Ohio.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at Uecker-Witt Funeral Home, and one hour before services at the church.

In lieu of flowers a scholarship fund is being established in his name with Oakfield High School. Contributions for memorials may be sent to the Bank of Oakfield, P.O. Box 128, Oakfield, WI 53065

Joseph Detweiler

SHIPSHEWANA — Joseph W. Detweiler, 61, of Shipshewana died at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2004, in Juarez, Mexico.

He had been in declining health for the past two years, suffering from cancer.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Glen Anglin

KENDALLVILLE — Glen Anglin of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Samuel Kaiser

SEBRING, Fla. — Samuel E. Kaiser, 96, of Sebring, Fla., died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, in Sebring.

Mr. Kaiser worked as a Kroger grocery manager for many years and later owned and operated the Fremont Locker and Kaiser Supermarket in Fremont. He helped in starting his son's grocery business in Butler.

He was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church.

He was born June 26, 1908, at Edon, Ohio, to George W. and Ann (Kasper) Kaiser.

He married Alta Robison on Oct. 1, 1933. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Fremont.

After his wife died in 1995, he moved to Wesley Park Apartments in Auburn and later to Sebring, Fla.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Bonnie Kaiser of Sebring, Fla.; four grandchildren and their spouses, Jeff and Laurie Kaiser of Butler, Debbie and Tom Hollabaugh of Butler, Greg and Dawn Kaiser of Edon, Ohio, and Linda and Kevin Haverstock of New Haven; and 10 great-grandchildren, Andrew and Phil Haverstock, Curtis and Cedric Hollabaugh, and Stephanie, Nick, Alexis, Luke, Dylan and Zachary Kaiser.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 2 pm. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Keith Olson will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fremont United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Clayton Krontz

RICHLAND RANCHETTES, Ariz. — Clayton L. Krontz, 80, of Richland Ranchettes (Cochise), died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004.

Mr. Krontz was a retired punch operator and moved to Richland Ranchettes in 1979. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and received a Purple Heart. He was a member of American Legion Post 24 in Tombstone, Ariz., and a member of Wynne Chapel.

He was born Nov. 10, 1924, in Butler to Delbert and Hazel May (Mock) Krontz.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Judy and Terry Andrews of Richland Ranchettes, Marie and Mike Blanton of Ashley and Mary "Peanut" Tremmel of Sunsites, Ariz.; two sons, Michael of Bonifar, Fla., and Philip of Bunker Hill; 10 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; three sisters, Sadie Hug of California and Alice Houlton and Joan Wehmer, both of Indiana; and two brothers, Kenny of Florida and Floyd of Indiana.

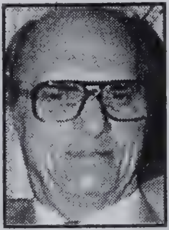
He was preceded in death by his wife, Waneta "Skeeter" Krontz, who died April 29, 2000, and his parents.

Services were held Saturday at Wynne Chapel in Richland Ranchettes, with burial in Pearce Cemetery. Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematorium of Willcox, Ariz., handled arrangements.

Memorials are to the Charles William Leighton Jr. Hospice, 319 W. Grant, Willcox, AZ 85643.

Gordon Clark

KENDALLVILLE — Gordon Louis Clark, 83, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where he had been a resident since October.


Mr. Clark

Mr. Clark had retired as a foreman with Spears & Dehner Construction in Fort Wayne.

He was born June 14, 1921, in Decatur, Mich., to William Henry and Della (Pierson) Clark. On Aug. 13, 1946, in Kendallville, he married Earlene Cash. She died Nov. 15, 1991.

Surviving are three nephews and their spouses, Stan and Nancy Riddle of North Port, Fla., Bill and Trudy Eicher of Spencerville and Tom and Holly Bill of Fort Wayne; and a niece and her husband, Sue and Dave Keim, DVM, of Lancaster, Pa.

He was preceded in death by four siblings, Ruth Eicher, Eli Frank Clark, Edna Bill and Violet Riddle.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Thomas G. Novy officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Richard Hurley

WILLIAMSPORT — Richard K. "Dick" Hurley, 80, of Williamsport died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at St. Vincent Frankfort Hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Hurley was born Nov. 10, 1924, in Hindsboro, Ill., to Cornielius "Lon" Alonzo and Bessie (Percifield) Hurley. He was a 1942 graduate of Williamsport High School. He married Betty C. DeBord on April 8, 1944, in Williamsport, and she survives.

He worked most of his life at the Williamsport Post Office retiring as postmaster in 1983 after 29 years of service. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 259, and the Free and Accepted Masons. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James R. and Julie Hurley of Mount Plymouth, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Melinda G. and Barry Worl of Fremont and Nancy J. and Ted Wolfe of Attica; a sister, Nina Shuler of Wisconsin; six grandchildren, Brian Wolfe, Kelli Baker, Kathi Forte, Scott Worl, Jason Hurley and Joey Hurley; and five great-grandchildren, Ryan Baker, Ian Baker, Josie Hurley, Alexa Forte and Tyler Forte.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Homer and Joseph; and three sisters, Beatrice, Gwendolyn and Dorothy.

Services were held Dec. 10 at Grady Funeral Home, Williamsport. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Williamsport.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Roy Vsetula

BRADENTON, Fla. — Roy Vsetula, 45, of Bradenton and formerly of Owosso, Mich., died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, in Bradenton.

Mr. Vsetula enjoyed motorcycles, scuba diving and hunting. He also enjoyed music, especially the blues, and would often play the guitar.

He was born Nov. 15, 1959, to Henry V. and Emily (Rothman) Vsetula. They survive.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Lori Vsetula of Whitelake, Mich.; two sisters, Becky Vsetula of Ligonier, Ind., and Renee Vsetula of Owosso; three nephews, Zachary Willacker, Shawn Vsetula and Randi Vsetula; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home with Pastor Georgie Dack officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the hospice of the donor's choice.

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Josephine Yunker

Josephine A. Yunker, 77, of LaGrange died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Yunker had moved to LaGrange in 1968 from Albion.

She was a former employee of the LaGrange Veterinary Clinic, Miller's Merry Manor and Farmers State Bank, all in LaGrange.

Mrs. Yunker was a member of the United Methodist Women, a volunteer at LaGrange Community Hospital and an avid bowler.

She was born Dec. 16, 1926, in Whitley County to Aquilla and Fern (Estlick) Marker. On Aug. 11, 1947, in Columbia City she married Junior Hart. On Oct. 12, 1968, in Albion she married Donovan Eagleson. He died March 17, 1974. On Sept. 29, 1979, in LaGrange she married William L. Yunker. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Gary Frehse of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Kathy Hart of Auburn; her stepmother, Evelyn Fritz of South Whitley; two stepsons, William Yunker Jr. of LaGrange and Rick Yunker and his wife, Elizabeth, of Chicago; a sister, Margaret Ober of Kendallville; two stepbrothers, James Marker of Ligonier and Larry Marker of Kendallville; four grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services were Thursday at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling was on Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Carol Russell

TOPEKA — Carol J. Russell, 64, of Topeka died at 8:07 a.m. Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mrs. Russell was a homemaker.

She was born June 21, 1940, in Hackervalley, W.Va., to Orval and Letha (Collins) Eubank. On Dec. 8, 1984, in Topeka, she married Frank Russell. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Carl James Miller Jr. of Perry, Ga., Jeffrey Miller of Rome City and Morris Michael Montgomery of Topeka; a daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Farley of Cromwell; a brother, Charles Eubank; three sisters, Marlene Freytag and Geraldine Clevenger, both of Curtin, W.Va., and Shirley Eubank of Dublin, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Topeka United Methodist Church with Pastor Bob Weyman officiating. Burial will be at Eden Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Thursday, at the church.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Donnabelle Hoover

LIGONIER — Donnabelle L. Hover, 92, of Ligonier, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Hover was a lifetime resident of Ligonier and worked at the Wirk Garment Factory and Essex Wire, both in Ligonier. She was a member of Burr Oak Church and enjoyed gardening and raising flowers.

She was born April 15, 1912, in Elkhart to Chester and Caddy Lou Heffner.

She married Wallie Allen Hover on Feb. 25, 1929, in Albion. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Carol Hoover of Warrenton, Mo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and Morris Durham of Ligonier; 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren;

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Wallie and Leo Hoover, one brother and three sisters.

Services were Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Pastor Sheldon Crapo officiated. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation or the Kylan Hunter Foundation.

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Aidan Nicholas Wood

Aidan Nicholas Wood, infant son of Clinton J. and Jessica Linn (Alberson) Wood,Ligonier, was stillborn at 11:42 p.m. Tuesday at Goshen General Hospital.

He is survived by his parents; grandparents, Robin Parson, Goshen, Jesse Mullins, Dunlap, James and Rodonna Wood, Ligonier; great-grandparents, Marion Alberson, Harrisville, W.Va., Bruce and Gloria Oesch, Goshen, and Dona Javener, Cameron, Wis.

Graveside services were Monday, December 10 at South Union Cemetery, Nappanee, with the Rev. Tim Waits of Rock Run Church of the Brethren officiating.

Hartman Funeral Home, Goshen, handled arrangements.

Sharon Conley

ALBION — Sharon Conley, 48, of Albion died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital's emergency room in Kendallville.

Mrs. Conley

Mrs. Conley had previously been employed with King-Seely and Eaton Controls/Seibe in Kendallville.

She attended Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon.

She was born Sept. 10, 1956, in Paynesville, W.Va., to James B. and Bessie M. (Keene) Taylor. They are deceased. On Dec. 24, 1971, in Kendallville she married Roby N. Conley. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Anita Sue and Paul Osborn of Kendallville; a son, Christopher Conley of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Sharon Taylor of Reidsville N.C., and Johnny and Roberta Taylor of Cadillac, Mich.; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Phyllis and Mark Bauman of Kendallville, Susan Bard of Kendallville, Frankie Bolen and her companion, Randy Chandler, of Lincolnton, N.C., and Ruth Davis of Auburn, Maine; and eight grandchildren, Zacharee Osborn of Avilla, Keaton Osborn of Avilla, Maria Osborn of Huntsville, Calvin Biggins of Kendallville, Brooke Biggins of Kendallville, Bremen Biggins of Kendallville, Aries Conley of Kendallville and Mason Conley of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Sunday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, just off Old State Road 3 in Lisbon, with the Rev. Morris Wicker and the Rev. Russell Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Brushey Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling will be after 5 p.m. today at the church with a service at 7 p.m. Calling will continue all day Saturday with a service at 6 p.m.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Gerald Day

HAMILTON — Gerald E. Day, 93, of Hamilton died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Day was born on Sept. 19, 1911, in Hamilton to Thomas and Mildred (Wilder) Day.

He was retired from Riecke Corp., and was a World War II Army veteran. He was a member of the American Legion and the Masons. He attended Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Wilma (Schmitt) Day; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

Services will be 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with the Rev. Darvin Suter officiating. Calling is from 11 a.m. to the time of the service on Saturday.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to Williams County Conservation League or the Hamilton Fire Department.

Joseph Detweiler

SHIPSHEWANA — Joseph W. Detweiler, 61, of Shipshewana died at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, in Juarez, Mexico.

Mr. Detweiler suffered from cancer and had been in declining health for two years.

He had been employed by Miller-Lehman Construction in Shipshewana. He had moved to this area in 1964 from Oklahoma and was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born April 15, 1943, in Chouteau, Okla., to Bill and Cassie (Yoder) Detweiler. His parents died this year. On May 18, 1967, in Shipshewana he married LaVerda Yoder. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Randy Miller and Mary Beth and Phil Hostetler, all of Shipshewana; three sons and daughters-in-law, Leon and Suzanne Detweiler of LaGrange, Leland and Kim Detweiler of Posen, Mich., and Robert and Sovilla Detweiler of Nappanee; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Susie and Noah Ray Chupp, Martha and Nelson Chupp, Barbara and Everett Yoder, Salina Detweiler and Edna and Clarence Miller, all of Oklahoma; six brothers and sisters-in-law, Dan and Mary Detweiler of Shipshewana, and Robert and Susan Detweiler, Eli and Ina Detweiler, Orie and Sara Detweiler, Jake and Ruth Detweiler and William and Ida Detweiler, all of Oklahoma; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the 850 Center near Shipshewana with Bishop Leroy L. Miller, the Rev. Neal Eash and the Rev. Todd Neuschwander officiating. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the Ervin Raber residence.

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Glen Anglin

KENDALLVILLE — Glen Anglin, 81, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Anglin had been a farmer his entire life.

He was born Jan. 24, 1923, in Rockcastle, Ky., to Elmer and Florence (Lake) Anglin. On July 30, 1960, in Sumner County, Tenn., he married Josephine Dus. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Carolyn and Larry Biggerstaff of Avilla, Susan and Dennis Brand of Wolcottville and Tina Anglin and her finance, Pat Gienger, both of Kendallville; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kevin and Janet Anglin, Bruce and Brenda Anglin and Michael Anglin, all of Kendallville; three sisters, Myrtle Wilson of Springfield, Ohio, Hilda Buza of Bradley, Ill., and Lela Villarreal of Escondido, Calif.; 19 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Harry, Birch, Ed, Joel and Jack Anglin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Craig Anglin officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Anthony Wayne Services in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Evelyn Fisel

LIGONIER — Evelyn M. Fisel, 94, of Ligonier died at 1:15 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Fisel had lived in Ligonier since 1997, moving there from Mishawaka.

She enjoyed golfing and crocheting.

Mrs. Fisel was a member of Burr Oak Church.

She was born Sept. 4, 1910, in Ligonier to Isaac and Minnie (Damey) Crothers. On Dec. 2, 1931, in Albion she married Everett E. Fisel. He died in 1997.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Patricia A. Fisel of Ligonier; three grandchildren, Tom Fisel Jr., Teresa Linville and Pamela Howard; eight great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a niece, Mary Jane Carmichael of Ligonier.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Tom Fisel in 2003; a brother, Harold; and two sisters, Fay and Freda.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Sheldon Crapo presiding. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Burr Oak Church.

Cindy Traxler

AUBURN — Cindy A. Traxler, 62, of Auburn died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Traxler was a homemaker. She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church and a former member of Tri Kappa Sorority. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1960.

She was born Nov. 10, 1942, in Auburn to Joseph Dale and H. Maxine (Foote) Walter.

She married Mike Traxler on Aug. 20, 1966, in the Auburn First United Methodist Church. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Toni and Tony Knox of Auburn and Terri and Kevin Platter of Auburn; and four grandchildren, Katie and Khloe Platter and Taylor and Taytum Knox.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with D.V. Dillinger officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

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4 die in two-car crash

MONROE, Ind. (AP) — A station wagon driven by an elderly man sailed through an intersection in rural northeastern Indiana and collided with another car, killing him and three of his passengers, state police said.

Two of passengers killed in the 4:30 p.m. Thursday crash on an Adams County road were children. A fifth child was critically injured.

Victims were all from South Whitley

Prounounced dead at the scene were Carl E. Bollinger, 78, Wilma Schwartz, 36, and her daughters, Margaret Schwartz, 4, and Joann Schwartz, 22 months. Wilma Schwartz was eight months pregnant at the time of her death.

All of the victims were residents of South Whitley.

State police spokesman Rodger Popplewell said a station wagon driven by Bollinger and carrying four passengers drove past a stop sign and directly into the path of an oncoming vehicle.

The other vehicle hit the driver's side door of the station wagon, ejecting three of the station wagon passengers from the vehicle, killing them.

Bollinger, who had been wearing a seat belt, was not ejected but died at the scene, Popplewell said.

Clara Schwartz, 6, who was also riding in the station wagon, was flown to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne in critical condition, Popplewell said.

Hazel Julow

GARRETT — Hazel Julow, 102, of Garrett died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004, at 10:23 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home of Garrett.

A lifetime resident of Garrett, she farmed with her husband, Arthur, who died in 1960.

She was born May 18, 1902, in Garrett to Elmer and Effie Griffin.

Surviving are two grandsons, Howard Julow of Waterloo and Dallas Julow of Auburn; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Everett Julow; three brothers; and four sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Carl Bollinger

SOUTH WHITLEY — Carl Eugene "Fuzz" Bollinger, 78, of Cleveland Township, Whitley County, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004, at 4:36 p.m. as the result of a two-car accident in Adams County near Monroe.

Mr. Bollinger

Mr. Bollinger was employed at Reed Murdock & Co. from 1944 until his employment with Grip Nut in 1947. He retired in 1986.

He was a former member of the Dunfee Independent Order of Odd Fellows 765 and recently transferred his membership to the Harmony Independent Order of Odd Fellows 19 in Fort Wayne. His memberships also included the International Twins Association.

He graduated from South Whitley High School.

He was born Aug. 30, 1926, in Cleveland Township, Whitley County, to Carl and Ruth (Judy) Bollinger.

Surviving are three sisters, Beulah Hunn and Dorothy Thomas, both of North Manchester, and Irene Rash of Columbia City; a brother, James Bollinger of Rome City; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley. The Rev. Paul Burris, pastor of South Whitley United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the United Way.

Katherine McAfee

BRYAN, Ohio — Katherine Alona McAfee, 3 1/2 months, of Bryan, Ohio, died suddenly at home on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004.

Katherine was born Aug. 30, 2004, to Zachariah and Rebecca (Bowers) McAfee, who both survive.

Also surviving are paternal grandparents, Alona and Robert McAfee of Bryan; paternal great-grandmothers, Shirley Goldsmith, Alice Jean Goldsmith and Mary McAfee, all of Bryan; maternal grandmother, Bonita Bowers of Dallas; maternal grandparents, Larry and Rita Bowers of Hamilton; maternal great-grandmother, Marilyn Wood of Battle Creek, Mich.; and great-great-grandmothers, Florence Wood of Battle Creek and Marion Woodward of Dayton, Tenn.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Burr Funeral Home & Crematory, Bryan, with the Rev. Dwight Bowers officiating. Burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

McKinley Woodworth Jr.

LAGRANGE — McKinley "Woody" Woodworth Jr., 78, of LaGrange died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004, at 9:20 p.m. in LifeCare Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Woodworth was a lifelong resident of LaGrange. He retired from Goodyear Duo Therm (Dometic) after 27 years. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge 144, LaGrange, where he was a 50-year member. He was Past Grand Chancellor for the state of Indiana from 1979-1980. He received the degree of Golden Spur.

Mr. Woodworth also was a member of the United Methodist Church. He was an amateur radio operator.

He was born Feb. 20, 1926, in LaGrange to McKinley and Lenore (Gage) Woodworth Sr,

On Sept. 29, 1946, in Bluffton, he married Joyce Iddings. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are five daughters, Peggy Richard of Abilene, Texas, Barbara Maskow of Howe, Jeanne Spreuer of Wolcottville, Eleanor Cappelli of Fort Wayne and Mary Woodworth of LaGrange; a son, Jim Woodworth of Houston, Texas; a sister, Marjorie Tisci of Akron, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. The Rev. Dexter Garman will officiate.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Services Held

ALBION — Services for **Bill Savage** were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church with Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Kevin Savage, Jim Savage, Tom Savage, Billy Savage, Gordon Meads, Jeff Gump and Bob Gump. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Gordon Clark** were held Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Thomas G. Novy officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Stan Riddle, Bill Eicher, Tom Bill, Scott, Brown, Mike Riddle and Brian Frick.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Donald Strange** were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Grace Christian Church with Pastor Chris Mosley officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were Milford Terry, Jerry Lash, Josh Lash, Rodney Barr, Mark Pheiffer, Al Milleman, Shane Miller and Kevin Forker. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

STROH — Services for **Robert Storey Jr.** were held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Stroh United Methodist Church with Pastor Jerry Collins, Pastor Rick Davis and Pastor Jeff Collins officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers were Nicholas Beverly, Chad Beverly, Paul Miller, Mike Lower, Jeff Collins and Oscar Handshoe. Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville was in charge of arrangements.

Paul Pelikan

AVILLA — Paul S. Pelikan, 65, of Avilla died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004, at 11:20 a.m. in his home.

Mr. Pelikan was a lifetime resident of the Kendallville area. He attended Kendallville High School.

He was born Feb. 7, 1939, in Kendallville to Theodore S. and Marguerite L. (Jensen) Pelikan. His father preceded him in death in 1972. His mother survives in Avilla.

He was preceded in death by a brother, W. Paul Pelikan, in 1937.

Private services were Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. James Toole officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

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Savage had positive influence on thousands

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KENDALLVILLE — Devoted husband, father and grandfather, a Christian who lived his faith, teacher, coach, mentor, the "Voice of East Noble Football for over 30 years," and a reknowned storyteller — those are some of the ways people in the East Noble community remember the late William P. "Bill" Savage.

"Thousands of people have been rewarded by his positive influence," said former East Noble athletic director Tom Crist.

"He was the kind of guy you would want your children to have for a teacher," said long-time East Noble health and U.S. History teacher Don Manger.

Mr. Savage, 68, died Dec. 7 from injuries he sustained in a traffic accident Dec. 6, north of Kendallville.

He was buried Dec. 11, in Lake View Cemetery north of Kendallville.

Mr. Savage

Mr. Savage taught science at Kendallville Middle School and East Noble High School from 1963 until his retirement in 1997. He coached junior high football and wrestling and served as the play-by-play commentator at the East Noble High School football games for over three decades. He also announced East Noble track meets for several years even after his retirement in July 1997.

"Bill was quite the storyteller," said East Noble science teacher Cameron Lahee, who taught with Mr. Savage for 22 years. "He had a story for every situation and just reveled in telling them. All of us teachers remember his stories in the teachers' lunchroom. We always had fun with him."

Crist remembers how Mr. Savage told stories to his students. "Everyone had a positive feeling about Bill. He related his stories to everyday life for his students."

Lahee and Don Manger, a former East Noble wrestling coach, call Mr. Savage an unforgettable mentor.

"He was my mentor my first year at East Noble and in wrestling under the varsity coach Oren Skinner," said Manger. "You couldn't ask for a better person to learn from."

For Lahee his former colleague was always there to offer help and advice. Mr. Savage volunteered to teach science in the block scheduling program before it was adopted by East Noble.

Several of his teaching colleagues recall how devoted Mr. Savage was to his family.

"His priorities were God, family and education with maybe Ohio State in there somewhere," said Lahee.

In his 36-year teaching and coaching career he touched the lives of students and then the lives of the children of his former students.

"He was an innovator, and always looked for better ways to help his students be successful," said Lahee.

Crist remembers how much Mr. Savage went out his way to help in the athletics department.

"Anytime anything needed to get done he was there to help. He was so involved and helped athletes after practices. He was a five-star guy at East Noble."

His booming voice over the field public address system characterized East Noble football.

"He really enjoyed doing the games because it was a way for him to show his appreciation to the school and kids," said Lahee.

Mr. Savage is survived by his wife of 45 years Rafi, four sons, two daughters and nine grandchildren.

Wilma Baird

AUBURN — Wilma J. Custer Baird, 79, of Auburn died Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, at home.

She was a homemaker and a 1944 graduate of Spencerville High School.

She is survived by a sister, Ilene Maliszewski of Auburn; and a brother, Robert L. Custer of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Baird, in 1993; a sister, Betty Custer; and a brother, Buford Custer.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to donor's choice.

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Franklin Gingrich

AUBURN — Franklin D. Gingrich, 85, of Auburn died Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, at home.

Mr. Gingrich was a lifelong servant of God. He served as a combat medic during World War II with the 56th Armored Engineer Battalion.

Mr. Gingrich

He was born Dec. 17, 1919, in Auburn to William Arthur and Myra (Warner) Gingrich. He married Eliner (Hawver) Gingrich at the Methodist Church in Auburn on Aug. 16, 1941, with the Rev. Claude Garrison officiating. Mrs. Gingrich survives.

Also surviving are a son, David Gingrich of Boston; a daughter and son-in-law, Marymae and Brent Beaty of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Dacian Gingrich and Taylor Beaty.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Dale Gingrich, Donald Gingrich and Chester Gingrich; and a sister, Lamona Gingrich Thrush Wilmont.

Private family services will be 2 p.m. Jan. 9, 2005, at Auburn Alliance Church. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in Garrett.

There is no calling. Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Auburn Alliance Church and Child Evangelism Fellowship, Box 365, Auburn.

George Cimbal

ANGOLA — George E. Cimbal, 71, of Angola died Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, in Steuben County.

Before retirement in 1988, Mr. Cimbal was a press helper at Moore Business Forms for 33 years. He also worked at the Angola Kmart for five years. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Aug. 24, 1933, in Steuben County to George and Mary (Kundrat) Cimbal. He married Marna (Thompson) Cimbal on June 22, 1968. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Theresa Kenworthy of Fremont; two grandsons, Vincent and Zachary; and two sisters, Margaret Brames and Fran Van Wagner, both of Angola.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Peter and Paul Cimbal, on Feb. 7, 1972.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. The Rev. Fred Pasche will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, with prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the church building fund of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

Patricia Kamps

PINEVILLE, N.C. — Patricia Kamps, 67, of Pineville, N.C., died Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, at home.

Until recently, she was associated with Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville as a medical record director. She was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Pineville and was beginning to establish herself as a parishioner there.

She was born Feb. 16, 1937, in Iowa to Chet Miller and Augusta Grafton. She attended Augusta College in Rock Island, Ill., to receive her bachelor's degree and St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa, to receive her master's in business administration degree.

She is survived by a son, Steven Nelson of Moline, Ill.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Danielle Nelson of San Francisco and Tracey and Phil Amone of Marvin, N.C.; two granddaughters, Michelle Nelson and Tiffany Nelson, both of the Quad City area in Illinois and Iowa; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Kaleb and Angie Nelson of the Quad City area; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be 6 p.m. Wednesday at McEwen Funeral Home, Pineville Chapel, and 9 a.m. Thursday at Forest Lawn East Cemetery in Matthews, N.C.

Calling will follow the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Hazel Julow

GARRETT — Hazel Julow, 102, of Garrett died at 10:23 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

She was born May 18, 1902, in Garrett, to Elmer and Effie Griffin. She farmed with her husband, Arthur Julow, who preceded her in death in 1960. She lived in Garrett for 99 years of her life.

She is survived by two grandsons, Howard Julow of Waterloo and Dallas Julow of Auburn; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and -nephews, great-great-nieces and -nephews, and great-great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Everett Julow; three brothers; and four sisters.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the funeral home to assist with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

William Kenney

ROME CITY — William P. "Bill" Kenney, 85, of Rome City died at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004, at home.

Mr. Kenney was a retiree, having worked at a brewery in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Kendallville VFW Post 2749, Rome City American Legion Post 381 and the Kendallville Elks. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps. He lived in the Rome City and Fort Wayne area for the past 30 years.

He was born Dec. 1, 1919 in Latrobe, Pa. He married Mildred Hayden on July 4, 1955. She preceded him in death in March 1989.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Chaplain Jack Kurtz will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery with military graveside rites.

Calling is one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Orange Township Emergency Medical Service.

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Charles Dees Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Andrew Dees Jr., 75, of Kendallville died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004.

Mr. Dees was a World War II veteran. He was a radar installation man for the Federal Aviation Administration and farmed. He was an active elder in the Kendallville congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

He was born Oct. 21, 1929, in Clinton, N.C., to Charles A. Dees Sr. and Gertrude Lancaster. On April 22, 1951, he married Jean Myra Spauls, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lorrane and Alex Prostka of Mount Pleasant, S.C., and Denise and Lynn Phend of Churubusco; a son and daughter-in-law, Lee Charles and Susan Dees of Naples, Fla.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Julian Worth and Bernita Dees of Stone Mountain, Ga., and Frank Carroll and Lucienne Dees of Snellville, Ga.; and three grandsons, Zachary Phend of Churubusco and Kevin and Ryan Dees of Naples.

A sister, Marie Louise Phillips, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be today at 6 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 106 E. Miller Road, Kendallville, with calling immediately following.

Arrangements are by Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Ethel Scott

KENDALLVILLE — Ethel Mae Scott, 77, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, at her daughter Judy Collins' Kendallville home.

Mrs. Scott was a homemaker and member of Mount Calvary United Baptist Church, Stroh.

She was born Feb. 19, 1927, in Tacoma, Va., to James S. and Cosby (Collins) Gibson. On Oct. 19, 1944, she married Tommy McKinney, who preceded her in death Dec. 11, 1948. She married Arthur Scott in 1950 in Pikeville, Ky. He preceded her in death March 25, 1980.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Vonda and the Rev. Willie Collins of Stroh, Judy and James Collins of Kendallville and Janet Scott of Kendallville; a son, Jimmie Scott of Kendallville; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Lucreta Gibson, Nannie and Willie Gibson and Polly and Paul Stanley, all of Kendallville; 16 grandchildren; and 45 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were three sons, Tony and James McKinney and Jerome Scott; six brothers; and three sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Mount Calvary United Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day and evening Tuesday at the church.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences can be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ida Yoder

MIDDLEBURY — Ida Yoder, 93, of Middlebury died at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, at her daughter Sadie Miller's home in rural Middlebury, where Mrs. Yoder had lived the past three months. She had been in declining health for a year and nine months.

She was a homemaker who lived in the area her entire life. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Jan. 29, 1911, in Middlebury to John H. and Lovina (Troyer) Lehman. On March 4, 1941, in Middlebury, she married Joseph J. Yoder, who preceded her in death Dec. 3, 1991.

Also preceding her in death were three grandchildren; three sisters, Sarah Miller, Abby Miller and Katie Lehman; and four brothers, Dan, Abraham, Levi and John Lehman.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nettie and Verlin Miller and Sadie and Perry Miller, all of Middlebury; five sons and daughters-in-law, Floyd and Anna Faye Yoder of Shipshewana, Perry and Shirley Yoder of White Pigeon, Mich., Owen and Peggy Yoder of Brighton, Tenn., Daniel and Edna Yoder of Middlebury and Cletus and Cheryl Yoder of Goshen; 36 grandchildren; and 94 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family residence, 1125 N. C.R. 1150W, Middlebury, with Bishop Sam Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be at Sunthimer Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family residence.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital Hospice.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

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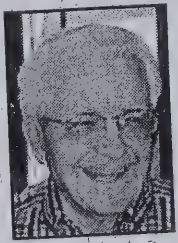
THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with corrected information about a memorial service.*

Franklin Gingrich

AUBURN — A public memorial service for Franklin D. Gingrich will be Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, at 2 p.m. in the Auburn Alliance Church.


Mr. Gingrich

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Mr. Gingrich was a lifelong servant of God. He served God and country during World War II as a combat medic with the 56th Armored Engineer Battalion. He was a member of Auburn Alliance Church.

He was born Dec. 17, 1919, in Auburn to William Arthur and Myra (Warner) Gingrich.

He married Eliner (Hawver) Gingrich at the Methodist Church in Auburn on Aug. 16, 1941, with the Rev. Claude Garrison officiating. Mrs. Gingrich survives.

Also surviving are a son, David Gingrich of Boston; a daughter and son-in-law, Marymae and Brent Beaty of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Dacian Gingrich and Taylor Beaty.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Dale, Donald and Chester Gingrich; and a sister, Lamona Gingrich Thrush Wilmont.

Private family services have been conducted, with burial in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery of Garrett.

Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Auburn Alliance Church and Child Evangelism Fellowship, Box 365, Auburn.

Katie Miller

BRISTOL — Katie A. Miller, 86, of Bristol died at 2:45 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, 2004, at AmeriCare Living Center, Elkhart. She had been in declining health for 2 1/2 years and spent time at AmeriCare Living Centers in Goshen and Elkhart.

Mrs. Miller

In Charm, Ohio, on Aug. 21, 1918, she was born to Abner and Barbara (Yoder) Miller.

She had lived in Bristol for 2 1/2 years, coming from Hadley, Pa.

She worked for 20 years as a custodian for St. Paul's Nursing Home, Greenville, Pa., and was a member of the Hadley Presbyterian Church, Hadley, Pa.

Surviving are a niece and her spouse, Mary and O.J. Miller of Bristol.

Preceding her in death were five brothers, Daniel, Benjamin, Eli, Abraham and Damus Miller, and her parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Andrew J. Vana Funeral Home, Hadley, Pa., with the Rev. Dr. Charles A. VanDyne, of the Hadley Presbyterian Church, Hadley, Pa., officiating. Burial will be in Hadley Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, and 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Andrew J. Vana Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Water For Life c/o Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, P.O. Box 734, Middlebury, IN 46540.

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Ethel Scott

KENDALLVILLE — Ethel Mae Scott, 77, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, at her daughter Judy Collins' Kendallville home.

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Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Vonda and the Rev. Willie Collins of Stroh, Judy and James Collins of Kendallville and Janet Scott of Kendallville; a son, Jimmie Scott of Kendallville; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Lucreta Gibson, Nannie and Willie Handshoe and Polly and Paul Stanley, all of Kendallville; 16 grandchildren; and 45 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were three sons, Tony and James McKinney and Jerome Scott; six brothers; and three sisters.

Services will be today at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Mount Calvary United Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Calling will be all day and evening today at the church.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences can be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Henry Markle

FORT WAYNE — Henry E. "Sonny" Markle, 68, of Fort Wayne died Sunday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mr. Markle

He was a self-employed painter and a 101st Airborne Army veteran.

He was born Feb. 4, 1936, in Spencerville to Henry Edward and Mary Kathleen (Weidner) Markle.

On April 19, 1959, he married Shirley Ann Noack at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Matthew Markle of Fort Wayne and Mark and Misty Markle of Fort Wayne; one daughter and one son-in-law, Melanie and Dan Barkley of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Jessica Moore, Austin Barkley, Madysen Barkley and Makena Rae Markle; and one sister, Barbara Longbrake of Spencerville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Jean Moore and Marjorie Howey.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Northpoint Community Church, 10513 Leo Road, with the Rev. Tom Swank officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church, which is east of Interstate 69 at the Dupont Road exit.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, or Northpoint Community Church.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Frances Nevin

ALBION — Frances Meadows Nevin, 80, of Albion died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Nevin worked at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, Wash., during World War II, as did her mother. She later lived in Idaho, Calif., and spent seven years in Alaska. She worked at Periodical Publishers for her brother for several years, and then worked at ITT Night Vision, in Roanoke, Va., for six years.

She was born Feb. 26, 1924, in Columbus, Ga., to John Wesley and Lillian (Dodd) Meadows. In 1973 in Albion, she married Scott Nevin, who survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two nieces, Judy "Brat" Shaw of Charlotte, N.C., and Joyce Ann Meadows of Richmond, Va.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Albert Meadows.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with a memorial gathering there from 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday.

The family requests no flowers. Memorials are to the Acres Environmental Group, Fort Wayne.

Freeman Diehm

KENDALLVILLE — Freeman C. Diehm, 79, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Nursing Home.

On Sept. 30, 1925, in Allen Township, Noble County, he was born to Albert and Emma (Wolf) Diehm. He married Evelyn D. Browand on June 9, 1950, in Avilla. She preceded him in death on Sept. 10, 2000.

He had been employed for 35 years as a foreman at Kendallville Foundry, and was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Susan Diehm of Fort Wayne; a son and companion, David Diehm and Sheryl King of Kendallville; a sister, Clara Hanes of Kendallville; three grandsons, Chad Diehm of Fort Wayne, Tony Diehm of Branch, Mich., and Todd Diehm of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Carla Wooland of Kendallville; eight great-grandchildren; and five sisters-in-law, Betty Diehm of Fort Wayne, DeLores Diehm of Auburn, Marjorie Browand and Kathleen Campbell, both of Kendallville, and Virginia Bordner of North Charleston, S.C.

In addition to his wife, a sister, Bernice Graham, and two brothers, Norman and Eldon Diehm, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in the Avilla Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Duncan Fraser

ANGOLA — Duncan M. Fraser, 78, of Angola died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fraser was born Aug. 18, 1926, in Fort Wayne, to Duncan C. and Agnes (Campbell) Fraser. He was married to Margarete Hau on Nov. 17, 1962, and she survives.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, and a production line worker for Borden Ice Cream Co. for 19 years. He was also a milk receiver for Allen Dairy for 11 years.

He was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31, the George Anspaugh Post No. 7205 of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Angola Moose Lodge.

Also surviving are a sister, Isabel Fraser of Winona Lake, and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Alastair Fraser, and a sister, Margaret Shaffer.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Military services will be conducted by members of Angola American Legion Post No. 31 and VFW Post No. 7205. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Society.

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On Sept. 30, 1925, in Allen Township, Noble County, he was born to Albert and Emma (Wolf) Diehm. He married Evelyn D. Browand on June 9, 1950, in Avilla. She preceded him in death on Sept. 10, 2000.

He had been employed for 35 years as a foreman at Kendallville Foundry, and was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Susan Diehm of Fort Wayne; a son and companion, David Diehm and Sheryl King of Kendallville; a sister, Clara Hanes of Kendallville; four grandsons, Chad Diehm of Fort Wayne, Tony Diehm of Branch, Mich., Todd Diehm of Fort Wayne, and David W. Diehm of Angola; a granddaughter, Carla Wooland of Kendallville; eight great-grandchildren; and five sisters-in-law, Betty Diehm of Fort Wayne, DeLores Diehm of Auburn, Marjorie Browand and Kathleen Campbell, both of Kendallville, and Virginia Bordner of North Charleston, S.C.

In addition to his wife, a sister, Bernice Graham, and two brothers, Norman and Eldon Diehm, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in the Avilla Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Madalene Foltz

ELKHART — Madalene Mae Foltz, 83, of Elkhart died at 3:43 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, 2004, in Rosewood Terrace, Elkhart.

On June 4, 1921, in Kendallville, she was born to Sherman R. and Venus L. (Smith) Barfell. She married Delorme "Bud" Foltz on Aug. 5, 1939, in Elkhart. He preceded her in death on March 5, 1982.

Mrs. Foltz was employed in alterations at Drake's Department Store for a number of years, later as a seamstress at Moore Cleaners for seven years and retired from Carriage Cleaners after 11 years.

She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, V.F.W. Auxiliary Post 1106, Dub-Debs Club and a former member of the Mary Beck PTA.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janine and Roy Simpson of Elkhart; two sons and daughters-in-law, James C. and Lynn Foltz of Goshen, and Jack K. and Betty Foltz of Elkhart; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth D. and Doris Barfell of Elkhart.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home, Elkhart, with the Rev. Larry Kurtz officiating. Burial will be in Chapel of Faith Mausoleum in Rice Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Church Mission Fund, American Heart Association or Alzheimer's Foundation.

Armando Cooley

LIGONIER — Armando S. "Chuck" Cooley, 69, of Ligonier died at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, in Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Mr. Cooley

He had lived in Ligonier for 39 years, having moved from Kendallville.

On Aug. 17, 1935, he was born in Centerville, Pa., to Charles Adam and Pearl Irene (Watson) Cooley. He married Judith Emrick in Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, on April 13, 1963. She survives.

He had been a truck driver for Jayco for 10 years, and prior to that he had been a foreman at Essex Wire Co.

Mr. Cooley was a member of Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Rome City, and loved to play pool and cards, and sing.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Frederick Cooley of Nappanee, and Gary L. Cooley of North Webster; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Rose Yankosky and Tracey R. and Paul Miller, all of Kimmell, and Rhonda Cooley and David Mynhier of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara J. and Joe Holt of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

His parents; a brother, Charles Russell Cooley; and two sisters, Hilda and Alma, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Steve Herendeen officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Association.

Eula Champion

ROME CITY — Eula A. Champion, 86, of Rome City died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Champion was a waitress for all of her working life and worked in several area restaurants.

She was a member of the Kendallville Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She was born Oct. 17, 1918, in Fort Wayne, to Arthur and Mittie (Green) Milner.

She married Josh Cheney in 1934 and he died in 1976. She married James Champion in 1978 and he died in 1992.

She is survived by a daughter, Joyce C. Mink of Rome City; a brother, Roy Milner of Jackson, Miss.; four grandchildren, Deborah K. Baker of Auburn, and Richard Mullett, Mark Mullett and Keith Mullett, all of Charlotte, N.C.; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, three brothers and one granddaughter.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Richard Hankey officiating.

Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Jehovah's Witnesses.

Erma Nitz

FORT WAYNE — Services are pending for Erma K. Nitz, 96, of rural Fort Wayne, who died at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James H. and Dorothy Nitz of Fort Wayne, and a daughter, Grace Favory of Fort Wayne.

Her husband, Harry J. Nitz, preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 1990.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

Marcelle Winebrenner

ALBION — Services are pending for Marcelle Winebrenner, 91, of Albion, who died at 4:28 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, where she had been a patient since Sunday.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Services were 10:30 a.m. today at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, with calling one hour before services.

Arrangements are by T.P. White and Sons Funeral Home, Cincinnati.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Garry McKinley

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — Angola native Garry McKinley, 49, of Garden Grove, Calif., died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at his home, where he had lived for 24 years.

Mr. McKinley

Mr. McKinley was born Sept. 2, 1955, in Angola, to Janet and Dale McKinley.

He was a construction worker. He was involved in many activities and enjoyed building things.

Surviving are six children, Jason, Mindy, Jessica and Jeremy, all of Angola, Janet of Fort Wayne and Jodessa of California; his mother, Janet McKinley of Angola; two brothers, David McKinley of Fremont and Steve McKinley of California; three sisters, Barb Word of Michigan, and Linda Phibbs and Kari Frye, both of Angola; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father in June 1981; and a brother, Don McKinley, on Jan. 23, 1981.

Memorial services will be 5 p.m. Dec. 30 at the home of Linda Phibbs, 1306 W. Mill St., Angola.

Flowers or memorial donations can be sent to the Phibbs home.

Lena Beechy

MILLERSBURG — Lena Fern Beechy, 42, of Millersburg died at 9:40 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart, after undergoing heart surgery and four days later suffering a heart attack.

She had lived in the Millersburg area all her life.

On Aug. 7, 1962, in Topeka, she was born to Amos Jay and Ida Anna (Hochstetler) Miller. They survive in Topeka. On May 3, 1984, in Topeka, she married Daniel Jay Beechy. He survives.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving in addition to her husband and parents are four daughters, Mary Anna Mast and her husband, Floyd, of LaGrange, Marilyn Beechy and her special friend Gerald Yoder of Millersburg, and Katie Irene Beechy and Wilma Jean Beechy, both at home; two sons, LaVern Ray Beechy and Dannie Lee Beechy, both at home; six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Ruth Ann Miller of Sarasota, Fla., Wanda Sue and Marlin Kuhns, and Mary and Joe Devon Yoder, all of LaGrange, Katie Irene and Vernon Nisley, and Sarah Mae and Jerry Yoder, all of Ligonier, and Esther and Daniel Beechy Jr. of Topeka; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Perry Jay and Marlene Miller, and Marlin and Carolyn Miller, all of Millersburg, Vernon Ray and Lorene Miller of Ligonier, and Daniel Wayne and Emma Miller, and Marion and Waneta Miller, all of Topeka; grandparents Dan and Katie Hochstetler of Topeka; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A stillborn daughter, Ruth Beechy, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the family residence with Bishop Freeman Eash and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Honeywell Cemetery, Topeka.

Agnes Fuelling

DALLAS — Agnes Marcella Fuelling of Dallas and formerly of West Otter and Wall lakes died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at the residence of her granddaughter.

Mrs. Fuelling was born May 24, 1919, in Rosebush, Mich., to Joseph N. and Grace Caitlin Whitney. She married Willard Daniel Fuelling on Aug. 20, 1936, in Decatur. He preceded her in death on March 31, 1990.

The Fuellings spent most of their lives on a farm in Monroeville before moving to a lake house near Angola. The couple moved to Lake Bonham, Texas, in 1988. Mrs. Fuelling spent the last nine years in Dallas with her granddaughter, Terra.

Surviving are her grandchildren and their spouses, Terra Lahrman of Dallas, Brian Scott and Sherrie Fuelling of Fort Wayne and David and Cindy Fuelling of Houston, Texas; a sister, Teresa Thomas of Florida; a son-in-law, Dale Lahrman and his wife, Pearl, of Florida; five great-grandchildren; and her former daughter-in-law, Kathy King of Louisville, Ky.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Judith Louise Lahrman on June 1, 1995; and a son, James Edward Fuelling on June 18, 1995.

Services took place in Texas.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Michael Garrison Sr.

SHIPSHEWANA — Michael Lynn Garrison Sr., 60, of Shipshewana died at 6:15 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, 2004, at his residence.

Born on June 25, 1944, in Fort Wayne, he was the son of James T. and Betty J. (Wyncoop) Garrison.

He was a LaGrange County resident most of his life, and most people knew him by his CB handle “Speed Buggy.” He was last employed as a truck driver for Mac’s Transport in Milford.

Surviving are two daughters, Denise Garrison of Three Rivers, Mich., and Melissa Smith of Howe; two sons, James Michael Garrison of Goshen, and Charles Garrison of Shipshewana; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters, Rosie Jordan of LaGrange, Becky Lung of Sturgis, Mich., and Cindy Garrison of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and a brother, Darwin Garrison of Shipshewana.

There will be no services or visitation.

Memorials are to the family.

Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

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Ruth Etter

FREMONT — Ruth Etter, 91, of Fremont died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, at her son's home. She had previously been a resident of Cameron Woods in Angola for three years.

Mrs. Etter was born Nov. 4, 1913, in Norwood, Ohio, to William and Nora (Hughes) Comer. She married Clarence A. Scheffer on Sept. 6, 1941, and he preceded her in death in February 1948. She married Carl Etter on May 16, 1953, and he died in October 1980.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Carl E. and Jean Etter of Margate, Fla., and Ronald E. and Barbara Scheffer of Fremont; a sister, Edna Tebbe of Cincinnati, Ohio; six grandchildren, Carl E. Etter III of West Palm Beach, Fla., Julie Isabelle and Lori Nardone, both of Coral Springs, Fla.; Carol Stark of Sacramento, Calif., Jim Scheffer of Chicago and Tom Scheffer of Fort Wayne; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Margaret Koontz

LAGRANGE — Margaret H. Koontz, 98, of LaGrange died at 6:20 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

In Decatur on Oct. 9, 1906, she was born to A.B.C. and Mary (Ardner) Radamacher. She married Irvin P. Koontz in Fort Wayne on Dec. 28, 1940.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Surviving are a son, Gerald Scott of LaGrange, a stepson, Jack Koontz of Arizona; a stepdaughter, Virginia Dinkoff of Fort Wayne; and 12 stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Father Paul Faroh officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be Thursday from noon until the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

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Benjamin Booher

OAKFIELD, Wis. — Benjamin Heath "Ben" Booher, 18, of Oakfield and formerly of Noble County, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, as the result of an automobile accident in Sheboygan County.

Benjamin's father, Greg, had served as the Extension agent in Noble County in the late 1980's and early 1990's.

He was born on Jan. 3, 1986, in Zanesville, Ohio, to Gregory and Deborah (Dunlap) Booher. He was a graduate of Oakfield High School Class of 2004. He was a standout soccer player and wrestler at Oakfield High. Earlier this year, he competed at the Wisconsin State Wrestling Tournament. He was also involved in FFA.

He was a member of Grace Reformed Church in Fond du Lac and was an active member of the youth group. He was very active in the family business of show pig production and competition. He was currently a freshman at Lakeland College where he was on the wrestling squad.

Surviving are his parents; paternal grandmother, Catherine Miller of West Lafayette, Ohio; paternal great-grandmother, Audrey Mizer of West Lafayette, Ohio; maternal grandfather, Harold E. Dunlap of Coshocton, Ohio; and three aunts and uncles, Pamela Deibel and husband, Eric, of Fresno, Ohio, John Dunlap and wife, Julie, of Newark, Ohio, and Deborah Croft and husband, Neil, of Keene, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfathers, Dorren Miller and Russell Booher; and his maternal grandmother, Norma Dunlap.

Services were held Friday, December 17, 2004, at Grace Reformed Church with the Rev. Barry Vegter officiating. Burial took place in Canel Lewisville Cemetery, Coshocton, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers a scholarship fund is being established in his name with Oakfield High School. Contributions for memorials may be sent to the Bank of Oakfield, P.O. Box 128, Oakfield, WI 53065

Glen Anglin

KENDALLVILLE — Glen Anglin, 81, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Anglin had been a farmer his entire life.

He was born Jan. 24, 1923, in Rockcastle, Ky., to Elmer and Florence (Lake) Anglin. On July 30, 1960, in Sumner County, Tenn., he married Josephine Dus. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Carolyn and Larry Biggerstaff of Avilla, Susan and Dennis Brand of Wolcottville and Tina Anglin and her finance, Pat Gienger, both of Kendallville; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kevin and Janet Anglin, Bruce and Brenda Anglin and Michael Anglin, all of Kendallville; three sisters, Myrtle Wilson of Springfield, Ohio, Hilda Buza of Bradley, Ill., and Lela Villarreal of Escondido, Calif.; 19 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Harry, Birch, Ed, Joel and Jack Anglin.

Services were held Monday, December 20, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Craig Anglin officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to Anthony Wayne Services in Fort Wayne.

Frances Nevin

ALBION — Frances Meadows Nevin, 80, of Albion, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Born Feb. 26, 1924, in Columbus, Ga., she was the daughter of John Wesley Meadows and Lillian (Dodd) Meadows.

During World War II, Rosie the Riveter, worked at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, Wash., as did her mother. She subsequently lived in Idaho and Calif., and spent seven years in Alaska. After working at Periodical Publishers for her brother several years, she worked at ITT Night Vision, Roanoke, Va. for six years.

In 1973, she married Scott Nevin and moved to Albion where she enjoyed a log cabin in the woods, feeding the birds and butterflies, and raising flowers. An excellent cook, she liked to serve guests meals of good southern food from her garden.

Wagon Wheel plays, listening to owls, watching hawks and meteors were also passions of hers. She loved people and reading books.

She is survived by her husband, Scott Nevin of Albion; and nieces, Judy "Brat" Shaw of Charlotte, N.C., and Joyce Ann Meadows of Richmond, Va.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Albert Meadows.

Memorial service is 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with a Memorial gathering from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday.

The family requests no flowers. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to The Acres Environmental Group, Fort Wayne.

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Sharon Conley

ALBION — Sharon Conley, 48, of Albion died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital's emergency room in Kendallville.

Mrs. Conley had previously been employed with King-Seely and Eaton Controls/Seibe in Kendallville.

She attended Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon.

She was born Sept. 10, 1956, in Paynesville, W.Va., to James B. and Bessie M. (Keene) Taylor. They are deceased.

On Dec. 24, 1971, in Kendallville she married Roby N. Conley. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Anita Sue and Paul Osborn of Kendallville; a son, Christopher Conley of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Sharon Taylor of Reidsville N.C., and Johnny and Roberta Taylor of Cadillac, Mich.; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Phyllis and Mark Bauman of Kendallville, Susan Bard of Kendallville, Frankie Bolen and her companion, Randy Chandler, of Lincolnton, N.C., and Ruth Davis of Auburn, Maine; and eight grandchildren., Zacharee Osborn of Avilla, Keaton Osborn of Avilla, Maria Osborn of Huntsville, Calvin Biggins of Kendallville, Brooke Biggins of Kendallville, Bremen Biggins of Kendallville, Aries Conley of Kendallville and Mason Conley of Kendallville.

Services were held Sunday, December 19, 2004, at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, in Lisbon, with the Rev. Morris Wicker and the Rev. Russell Hicks officiating. Burial was in Brushey Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Earl Waters

ALBION — Earl L. Waters, age 72, of Albion, died Friday, December 17, 2004, at the V.A. Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born and raised in Huntington on January 16, 1932, to Earl G and Winfred (Christman) Waters. He was a graduate of Huntington High School. He then served in the United States Navy during the Korean War from 1951-55. He married Helen J. Burley on October 27, 1953, in Huntington. In 1976, he moved to Noble County. He worked at Magnetek in Huntington and retired in 1987. He was a member of VFW in Wolf Lake and attended the Salvation Army Church in Huntington.

He is survived by four daughters, Cindy Lou Hartman of Fort Wayne, Carol Sue (David) Warkentine of Huntington, Diana (Terry) Warren of Albion, and Randi (Rick) Barrick of Bluffton; one brother, Robert Waters of Miamisburg, OH; and two sisters, Lena Smith of Columbia City and Bonnie Rose of Huntington.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Helen J. Waters, one brother, Edward Phillip Waters and one daughter, Marcella Waters.

Graveside services will be held at a later date at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. Funeral arrangements are by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home, Inc.

Merlyn "Bud" Klaehn

OSSIAN — Merlyn "Bud" Klaehn, 75, of Ossian, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, at his residence.

Born March 7, 1929, in Fort Wayne, he was the son of the late William and Florence (Schinbekler) Klaehn.

He was a self employed farmer and served in the Army until 1955. He was a school bus driver for Southwest Allen County Schools for 40 years.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman and euchre player and loved NASCAR and college basketball. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, the church Dartball Team and Men's Club at the church.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Klaehn of Ossian; two sons, Edward (Dawn) Klaehn of Albion and Ken (Amy) Klaehn of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Kathy (John) Coplen of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Virginia (Carl) Frick of Fort Wayne and Eloise (Merle) Gerig of Woodburn; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, December 22, 2004, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Arnold Piering and Pastor Thomas Eggold officiating. Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Preferred memorials to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

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Marcelle Winebrenner

ALBION — Marcelle Mary Winebrenner, 91, of Albion died at 4:28 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a lifelong Noble County resident, and lived most of her life in the Albion and York Township area. She moved to Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in 1995.

In Noble County on Sept. 24, 1913, she was born to LeRoy Newton and Flora Anna (Holzworth) McLallin. She married Walter Winebrenner on April 22, 1933. He preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 1998.

She was an assistant cook with York Center School and was a checkout clerk for the Albion Grocery Store. Mrs. Winebrenner was a member of Trinity Methodist Church, a girls 4-H leader, and a graduate of Albion High School and International Business College.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Jeanette Winebrenner, Fort Wayne, and Duane and Melody Winebrenner, Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and Leroy Gorsuch, Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Anne Winebrenner, Albion; nine grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, a son, Ronnie Winebrenner on Nov. 12, 1998, a daughter, Peggy Winebrenner on Oct. 5, 1939, a daughter, Sue Gilbert on March 9, 1986, three sisters, Clara, Ruby and Maude, and a brother, Max, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, in Albion, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, York Township, rural Albion.

Calling will be from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the services on Friday.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct information.*

Garry McKinley

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — Angola native Garry McKinley, 49, of Garden Grove, Calif., died Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at his home, where he had lived for 24 years.

Mr. McKinley

Mr. McKinley was born Sept. 2, 1955, in Angola, to Janet and Dale McKinley.

He was a construction worker. He was involved in many activities and enjoyed building things.

Surviving are six children, Jason, Mindy, Jessica and Jeremy, all of Angola, Janet of Fort Wayne and Jodessa of California; his mother, Janet McKinley of Angola; two brothers, David McKinley of Fremont and Steve McKinley of California; three sisters, Barb Word of Michigan, and Linda Phibbs and Kari Frye, both of Angola; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father in June 1971; and a brother, Don McKinley, on Jan. 23, 1981.

Memorial services will be 5 p.m. Dec. 30 at the home of Linda Phibbs, 1306 W. Mill St., Angola.

Flowers or memorial donations can be sent to the Phibbs home.

Mary Jordan

WOLCOTTVILLE — Mary A. Jordan, 81, died at 5:58 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at Life Care Center, LaGrange.

She had lived in the Wolcottville area for 45 years, having moved from Sturgis, Mich.

On April 23, 1922, in Steuben County, she was born to Sheldon C. and Elsie (Freed) Wilcox. She married Virgil Jordan on July 13, 1940, in Sturgis, Mich. He survives.

She was homemaker and a member of St. Gasper's Catholic Church in Rome City.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Max Cleveland, LaGrange, and Donna and Laban Beers, Wolcottville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Donald J. and Rosalie K. Jordan, LaGrange, Terry and Kathleen Jordan, Wolcottville, and Rick and Lisa Jordan, Orland; a brother, Sam Wilcox, Pleasant Lake; 17 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

A son, Robert Jordan, and 14 brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Gasper's Catholic Church with Fr. Matt Josefiak officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. today at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Memorials are to St. Gasper's Catholic Church.

Hazel Byrd

CORUNNA — Services are pending for Hazel L. Byrd, 87, of Corunna, who died at 1 a.m. today.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

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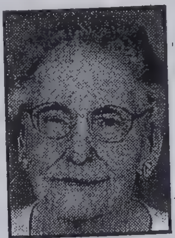
Erma Nitz

FORT WAYNE — Erma Kettleborough Nitz, 96, of rural Fort Wayne died at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne after a brief illness.


Mrs. Nitz

On June 30, 1908, in Albion she was born to William and Grace (Bidwell) Kettleborough. She married Harry J. Nitz in Fort Wayne on Feb. 20, 1937. He preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 1990.

She spent her formative years in Albion and graduated from Albion High School in 1926.

A former employee of Long Distance Tire Co. in Fort Wayne, she had also worked as a secretary at Allied Mills in Fort Wayne for 12 years. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church-Lake Township.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James H. and Dorothy Nitz, rural Fort Wayne; a daughter, Grace Favory, Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Louise Beckley, Albion, and Josephine and Vernon Jahn, Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

In addition to her parents and husband, a brother, Gerald Kettleborough, and four sisters, Gladys Colchin, Fern Waldron, Thelma Kettleborough and Thyra Erickson, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in St. John's Lutheran Church-Lake Township, 7914 W. Cook Rd., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Ralph Easterhaus officiating. Burial will be in the mausoleum at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Mitchell Jarnagin

AUBURN — Mitchell Allen Jarnagin, 49, of Auburn died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Harriman, Tenn., Mr. Jarnagin worked at Simpsons for five years. He was an organ donor.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy, of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Chad Parker and Melissa and Larry Davis, all of Auburn; four grandchildren; and three brothers, Harold and Timothy, both of Auburn, and Gary of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marget Jarnagin, a brother, Terry Jarnagin, and a sister, Darlene Jarnagin.

Services will be Monday at 8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Hospice Home, Parkview Home Health & Hospice, or St. John's Lutheran Church-Lake Township.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Mary Weaver

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Mary J. Weaver, 82, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at the Battle Creek Health System.

She gave piano, organ and accordion lessons for many years, and played with an accordion band in Branch County, Mich. She was a member of Cornerstone Community Church in Battle Creek, where she served as organist until her death.

She was born March 7, 1922 in Fremont to Burl and Maude (Hufnagel) Pifer. On May 7, 1942 in Akron, Ohio, she married Paul Max Weaver, and he preceded her in death in October, 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, C. David and Katherine R. Weaver of Goodells, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon Louise and Dennis A. Day of Battle Creek; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Cornerstone Community Church, 3030 Beckley Road, Battle Creek, with the Rev. Eric Perry officiating. Calling will be at the church Monday from 11 a.m. until the service.

Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery. Memorials are to Cornerstone Community Church-Mary Weaver Music Fund. Richard A. Henry Funeral Home in Battle Creek is in charge of arrangements.

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Margaret Renner

FORT WAYNE — Margaret A. Renner, 77, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004.

She was a homemaker and a volunteer at St. Therese Library, Choir of Hope, R.C.I.A. Program, and RSVP and was active in community service.

A 1949 graduate of St. Francis University, she was a member of St. Therese Catholic Church.

Surviving are a son, David J. Renner of Logansport; three daughters, Cecily M. Rorick of Wolcottville, Rita A. Dudek of San Martin, Calif., and Mary M. Campbell of Auburn; a sister, Catherine Kintz of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Thomas Trentadue of Decatur and Samuel Trentadue of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and a granddaughter, Mary Grace Dudek.

Preceding her in death were her husband, George E. Renner; and a brother, Joseph Trentadue.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Therese Catholic Church, 2304 Lower Huntington Road. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road. A wake service will be at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to St. Therese Catholic Church or to Masses.

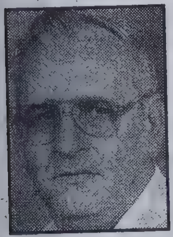
Margaret Houser

KENDALLVILLE — Services are pending for Margaret V. Houser, 91, who died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004 at the Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Armando Cooley

LIGONIER — Armando S. "Chuck" Cooley, 69, of Ligonier died at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, in Avalon Village, Ligonier.



Mr. Cooley

He had lived in Ligonier for 39 years, having moved from Kendallville.

On Aug. 17, 1935, he was born in Centerville, Pa., to Charles Adam and Pearl Irene (Watson) Cooley. He married Judith Emrick in Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna, on April 13, 1963. She survives.

He had been a truck driver for Jayco for 10 years, and prior to that he had been a foreman at Essex Wire Co.

Mr. Cooley was a member of Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Rome City, and loved to play pool and cards, and sing.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Frederick Cooley of Nappanee, and Gary L. Cooley of North Webster; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Rose Yankosky and Tracey R. and Paul Miller, all of Kimmell, and Rhonda Cooley and David Mynhier of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara J. and Joe Holt of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

His parents; a brother, Charles Russell Cooley; and two sisters, Hilda and Alma, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Steve Herendeen officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Association.

Evelyn Fisel

Evelyn M. Fisel, 94, of Ligonier died at 1:15 a.m. Thursday, December 16, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Fisel had lived in Ligonier since 1997, moving there from Mishawaka.

She enjoyed golfing and crocheting.

Mrs. Fisel was a member of Burr Oak Church.

She was born Sept. 4, 1910, in Ligonier to Isaac and Minnie (Damey) Crothers. On Dec. 2, 1931, in Albion she married Everett E. Fisel. He died in 1997.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Patricia A. Fisel of Ligonier; three grandchildren, Tom Fisel Jr., Teresa Linville and Pamela Howard; eight great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a niece, Mary Jane Carmichael of Ligonier.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Tom Fisel in 2003; a brother, Harold; and two sisters, Fay and Freda.

Services were Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Sheldon Crapo presiding. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling was one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Burr Oak Church.

Roy Vsetula

Roy Vsetula, 45, of Bradenton, Fla. and formerly of Owosso, Mich., died Monday, December 13, 2004, in Bradenton.

Mr. Vsetula enjoyed motorcycles, scuba diving and hunting. He also enjoyed music, especially the blues, and would often play the guitar.

He was born Nov. 15, 1959, to Henry V. and Emily (Rothman) Vsetula. They survive.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Lori Vsetula of Whitelake, Mich.; two sisters, Becky Vsetula of Ligonier, Ind., and Renee Vsetula of Owosso; three nephews, Zachary Willacker, Shawn Vsetula and Randi Vsetula; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were Saturday, December 18 at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home with Pastor Georgie Dack officiating and burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling was Friday, December 17 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the hospice of the donor's choice.

Ted Miller

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, Ark. — Ted S. Miller, 72, of Hot Springs Village, Ark., died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004.

He was born Feb. 9, 1932, in Auburn, to Lloyd and Jenny Miller. His father was a longtime principal of Auburn High School.

Mr. Miller graduated from Auburn High School in 1950 and was a member of the school's 1949 state finalist basketball team.

He graduated from Michigan State University and served two years in the Air Force. He earned his L.L.B. degree from Indiana University in Bloomington.

Mr. Miller retired to Hot Springs Village in 1996 from Huntington, where he had practiced law for 36 years.

He was a past president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at Michigan State University and a member of the Huntington Rotary Club and the Huntington United Fund. He served on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the YMCA board and foundation.

While living at Hot Springs Village, he was a Court Appointed Special Advocates volunteer, served on the Village Bank advisory board, was a Rotarian and a member of the Village MGA and Garland County Seniors Golf Association.

He was a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, the AM Bar Association and Best Lawyers in America 1992-1996, a life Fellow of the AM Bar Foundation, a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and an Indiana Defense Lawyers Association diplomat.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sue Miller of Hot Springs Village; two sons and daughters-in-law, Matt and Patty Miller of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Brett and Teri Miller of Chicago; and two grandchildren, Zach Miller of Sioux Falls and Gavin Miller of Chicago.

Iona Fulton

AUBURN — Iona Jesse Fulton, 90, of Auburn died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004.

Mrs. Fulton was a former resident of Clovis, Calif. She recently lived in Monroe, Mich., before moving to Auburn to live with her grandson and his wife, Randy and Kendra Haynie.

She enjoyed arts and crafts and wrote a children's book, "Andy Quail," especially for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed the fired arts and hobby ceramics.

She was born April 6, 1914.

Surviving are two sons, Wesley M. Fulton and Mark G. Fulton; six grandchildren, David Haynie, Kathleen Lively, Randel Haynie, Suzanne Browning, Kevin Fulton and Tim Fulton, and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley George Fulton; and a daughter, Margo Haynie.

The family will hold private memorial services in Auburn and Santa Clarita, Calif.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of local arrangements.

Emery McDaniel

AUBURN — Emery L. McDaniel, 94, of Auburn died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Noble County, Mr. McDaniel retired from General Electric Co. in 1975 after 34 years of service.

He was involved with the International Association of Machinists and the National Rifle Association. He was a life member of the GE Quarter Century Club and the GE Volunteer Fire Department.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, William McDaniel of Seattle, Wash., and Jon and Joyce McDaniel of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Anne and Richard James of Battle Creek, Mich., and Kathleen and Patrick Milowsky of Clearwater, Fla.; grandchildren Dusty Bock and his wife, Lori, of Waterloo, James and Victor McDaniel, both of Garrett, and Jacob Milowsky of Clearwater; five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Howard McDaniel of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rachael, two sisters, Isabell Romy and Cleta Grandstaff, and a brother, Dwight McDaniel.

A memorial gathering will be Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association or the donor's choice.

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Viva Jean Ransbottom

STURGIS, Mich. — Viva Jean Ransbottom, 74, of Sturgis died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, at Sturgis Hospital in Sturgis, Mich.

She was born in Fremont on Nov. 9, 1930, to Earl and Eula (Grimm) Worthington. She married Sherman Ransbottom, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 1978.

Mrs. Ransbottom had lived at Thurston Woods in Sturgis for the past few years. She enjoyed crocheting, puzzles and crossword puzzles.

She worked at Targgart's Trophy and Award Store in Wolcottville for many years. She attended Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by nine children and their spouses, Eddie and Linda Ransbottom of Butler, Pam and Earl Brown of Tennessee, Cindy and Dave Wher of Indianapolis, Delsie and Steve Tarlton of Garrett, Rick Ransbottom of Albion, Mich., Jeffrey Ransbottom and Viva and Greg Williams, all of Wolcottville, Karen Wakeman of Logansport and Mike and Kim Whiley of Corunna; and a brother, Olan Worthington.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Lori Ransbottom; a sister, Wilma Butler; and a brother, Russell Max Worthington.

Services will be held Monday at noon at Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. There will be no calling.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Glen Anglin** were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Craig Anglin officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Casey, Zach and Sam Anglin, Tyler Shepherd, Alex Schaefer, and Andrew and Jeremy Perkins.

LISBON — Services for **Sharon Conley** were at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church with the Revs. Morris Wicker and Russell Hicks officiating. Burial was at Brushey Chapel Cemetery. Pallbearers were Christopher Conley, Mark Bauman, Calvin Biggins, John and Randy Taylor and Paul and Zacharee Osborn.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **William P. "Bill" Kenney** were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with Past Chaplain Jack Kurtz officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Rome City. Pallbearers from American Legion Post 381 were David Fiandt, Tom Mortimore, Jack Deter, Ivan Dessler, Gerald McHenney and Sam Jacquay.

Hazel Byrd

CORUNNA — Hazel L. Byrd, 87, of Corunna died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2002.

She was born Oct. 4, 1917, in Huntington to Ambrose and Lulu (Aumiller) Kissinger.

Mrs. Byrd was a homemaker and a member of Helmer United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline and Dan Zimmerman and a sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Keith Manges, all of Corunna; six grandchildren, Julie Zimmerman of Chatman, Ontario, Canada, Michelle and Jay Baumgartner of Corunna, Andrew Kissinger of Kendallville, Danny Kissinger of Clarksville, Tenn. and Jessica Gamble of Avilla; and two great-grandchilden, Lucas Daniel and Sarah Jacqueline Baumgartner of Corunna.

A son, Andrew Kissinger, preceded her in death in 1990.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Visitation will be Monday from noon until service time.

Memorials are to the church. Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

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Margaret Houser

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret V. Houser, 91, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

She was born Sept. 2, 1913, in Albion to Amil and Grace (Snapp) Marquardt. She married Leslie Houser on March 20, 1947, in Albion, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 22, 1983.

Mrs. Houser was a housewife and had been employed at McCray Memorial Hospital as a nurse's aide for 10 years.

She is survived by a nephew, Fred Moore of Cincinnati; a niece, Gean Marquardt of Fostoria, Ohio; and a special friend, Pat Rookstool of LaGrange.

A brother and a sister also preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Condolences can be sent online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Mr. Abbs taught how to do the right thing

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Bill Abbs was a longtime supporter of many athletic teams, including the East Noble football team. Among the Knight players pictured with him is his grandson, Trevor, center back.

KENDALLVILLE — "What's right is right, what's wrong is wrong."

Those words were heard often by teachers, students and athletes who knew longtime educator Bill Abbs, 81, who died Dec. 5 at his home in Kendallville.

"He talked a lot about principles and integrity, and he had that," said Fred Inniger, who started his teaching career in 1966 with the East Noble School Corp.

"He was amazing," Inniger explained. "Bill went to garage sales a lot, and when he re-sold things at a profit, he reported the profit on his income taxes! 'What's right is right,' he said when I chided him about it."

Inniger said another reason he admired Mr. Abbs was the way he took new teachers under his wing. "His constant message was that we were making a difference in the lives of our students, whether we thought so or not," he said.

Mr. Abbs held many positions with the Kendallville and later East Noble schools, but one he enjoyed the most was teaching general math, Inniger said.

"He actually requested working with those kids. 'They are the ones needing the most attention,' he told me," Inniger said. "He would come early to school and stay late after school to help his students."

Inniger said Abbs believed he was put on Earth to help those less fortunate, and for that purpose he relished being the school attendance officer, or "hooky cop," as Inniger put it.

"Kids would ultimately thank him for dragging them back to school," Inniger said. "He had the ability to take a negative and turn it into a positive; to talk with someone and convince them that what they needed to do was the right thing."

Retired East Noble High School principal Rich Anderson echoed Inniger's sentiments, recalling how in the early years of his career Abbs would take him to the homes of students who were having attendance problems.

"We went to this house ... and you could see from where we stood at the door that there was a dirt floor, a potbellied stove, and a number of little kids," Anderson recalled. "Bill said, 'Now do you understand why maybe this kid is having trouble coming to school?' His whole effort was to get parents to help their kids, to get them out of a bad environment by getting an education and to better themselves."

Inniger said Mr. Abbs had a passion for football, having been a star quarterback in high school and also a player at Manchester College. He attended every game he could, whether it be a school team or a Saturday college game.

When his son, Jim, was in college in Wisconsin, Mr. Abbs would leave after school on Fridays to drive to Wisconsin. "We used to tell him to leave early on Friday, but he refused," Inniger recalled. "What's right is right," he would say.

Inniger, himself a coach and a radio sportscaster, said Mr. Abbs always focused on the positive with young athletes.

"He never said anything negative about a player or a coach, and said it is easy to work with the star players, but that it is the average and so-so players that needed a coach's help," Inniger said.

Mr. Abbs' encouragement extended to the administrators for whom he worked, Anderson noted.

"He was always supportive of me," Anderson said. From his first day at East Noble in 1967, Anderson said, Mr. Abbs shook his hand "and got to know me right from the get-go."

Mr. Abbs was blessed with a great memory, Inniger said, and made it a point to mention every one of his students by name every day. Discipline was not by chastisement, but by talking with a student and explaining what was right and what was wrong.

"He always said, 'What you do when no one is watching is how we find out what your character is really like,'" Inniger recalled.

"He taught about life, and he certainly lived what he said," Inniger said.

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Zana Goodhew

ANGOLA — Zana R. Goodhew, 96, of Angola died Friday, Dec. 24, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

She was a longtime Angola resident.

On May 27, 1908, in Fremont, she was born to John and Emma (Moore) Sierer. She married Charles Russell Goodhew in 1924 in Union City. He preceded her in death on Nov. 14, 1961.

She worked in the dietary services at the Angola Elementary School, and also at Tri-State College. She was also a grey lady at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola, for a number of years.

Surviving are two sons, Darrell Goodhew, Corpus Christi, Texas, and Gregg Goodhew, Rochester, N.Y.; two daughters, Marcella Mansfield, Indianapolis, and Deanna Sue Henry, Rochester, N.Y.; a sister, Willadeane Berry, Coldwater, Mich.; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

A son, John Goodhew, two daughters, Donnabelle and Gloria Goodhew, a brother, Ora Sierer, and four sisters, Hattie Williams, Mary Ellen Elston, Clista Hecker and Pauline Sierer, preceded her in death.

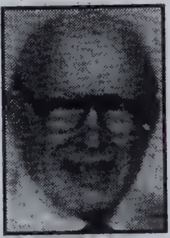
Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. Randy Elston of the Ashley Church of God officiating.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Riley's Children Hospital.

H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Vaughn Miller

HUNTERTOWN — Vaughn E. Miller, 76, Huntertown, died at 1:35 a.m. Friday, Dec. 24, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor, Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for some time, and entered the nursing home one week ago.



Mr. Miller

In Dunkirk on May 3, 1928, he was born to Earl and Bessie (Dickson) Miller. On June 30, 1949 in Dunkirk, he married Mary Hultz. She survives.

He spent his formative years in Pennville in Jay County, graduated from Pennville High School in 1946, and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1949 to 1960.

Mr. Miller was a public educator for nearly 40 years. His teaching career began at Decatur High School in 1949.

He moved to Huntertown in 1952, and taught science and vocational agriculture at Huntertown High School, and retired in 1988 as a teacher with the Northwest Allen County School Corporation.

As a young man he was a 4-H scholarship winner and recipient of a Summer Science Institute scholarship. As an educator, Mr. Miller was the sponsor of an International Science Fair winner, sponsored many award-winning Future Farmers of America teams, and served as an advisor to FFA Hoosier Farmers.

He was a member of Huntertown United Methodist Church, a charter member of Huntertown Lions Club, and was a member of the Purdue University Alumni Association, the Indiana State Teacher's Association, Indiana Retired Teacher's Association and the Indiana Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are three sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Mary Miller, Colchester, Ill., Dale and Claire Miller, Memphis, Tenn., and Wayne and Tammy Miller, Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Karen and Jerry Palumbo, Fort Wayne; Dianne and Gregg Tomlinson, Churubusco, and Linda Miller, Fort Wayne; a step-mother, Ruby Miller, Fort Wayne; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Glenn and Helen Miller, Fremont, and Cleo F. Miller, Fort Wayne; a step-brother, Larry Hysell, Anderson; a step-sister and step-brother-in-law, Rosalie and Dwight Bentz, Hamilton; 10 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Sherri Long, associate pastor of Huntertown United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday or 30 minutes prior to the services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Huntertown United Methodist Church, Huntertown Lions Club or donor's choice.

Condolences may be emailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Max High

AUBURN — Max L. High, 71, of Auburn died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004, at his residence.

In DeKalb County, on June 5, 1933, he was born to Paul and Ella (Sams) High. He married Rovene Hartman in 1952 in Angola. She survives.

He retired in 1981 from International Harvester, and after retirement he operated his own welding business from his home and was a part-time farmer. He was a member of Fremont Moose Club.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are four sons and daughters-in-law, Alan and Lori High and Tim and Cathy High, all of Waterloo, Tony and Denise High, Garrett, and Terry and Dawn High, Hudson; two daughters and their companions, Cindy Price and Tom Mettert, Auburn, and Penny High and Lon Cassabon, Waterloo; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Don and Lois High, Corunna, and Stanley and Donna High, Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Rhea and Sylvester Long, Notowa, Mich.; 19 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Dale High, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Alene Gilbert

LIGONIER — Alene Gilbert, 68, Ligonier, died at 3:40 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

On March 2, 1936, in Clear Creek, Ky., she was born to Chester and Malverie (Napier) Mullins. She married Shelby Gilbert in 1952 in Kentucky.

Mrs. Gilbert

She had been a Ligonier resident for over 40 years, and worked in quality control at Nishikawa Standard in Topeka.

Mrs. Gilbert was a member of the Harbor of Love Baptist Church in Lisbon, and enjoyed shopping, traveling and collecting books. She was a nature lover, especially her cat and wild animals.

Surviving are a son and his companion, Lewis R. Gilbert and Susan Shearer, Lafayette; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary L. and Sandra Gilbert, Indianapolis; a daughter, Lisa Cochran, Ligonier; two brothers and sisters-in-law Arthur and Louise Mullins, Wolcottville, and Lewis "Duke" and Lorena Mullins, Stroh; eight grandchildren, Geoff, Graig, Adam, Candace, Crystal and Erin Gilbert, Ethan Cochran and Amanda Saggers; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Her parents, husband, two brothers and a son-in-law, Stephen Cochran, preceded her in death.

Services will be at noon Tuesday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, U.S. 6 and S.R. 9, Rome City, with the Rev. Charlie Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday and two hours prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Ronald McDonald House.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

(This obit is being republished to correct an error in the date of the death.)

Hazel Byrd

CORUNNA — Hazel L. Byrd, 87, of Corunna died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004.

She was born Oct. 4, 1917, in Huntington to Ambrose and Lulu (Aumiller) Kissinger.

Mrs. Byrd was a homemaker and a member of Helmer United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline and Dan Zimmerman and a sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Keith Manges, all of Corunna; six grandchildren, Julie Zimmerman of Corunna, Andrew Kissinger of Kendallville, Danny Kissinger of Clarskville, Tenn., and Jessica Gamble of Avilla; and two great-grandchildren, Lucas Daniel and Sarah Jacqueline Baumgartner of Corunna.

As son, Andrew Kissinger, preceded her in death in 1990.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon until service time Monday.

Memorials are to the church. Condolences can be emailed to Johnson@bn[illegible]n.net.

Charles Schermerhorn

STURGIS, MICH. — Charles R. "Chuck" Schermerhorn, 85, of Sturgis, Mich., died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, in Heartland Health Care, Three Rivers, Mich.

He lived in LaGrange County until 1948, and moved to Sturgis in October from Springfield, Ill.

On Nov. 2, 1919, in LaGrange County, he was born to Ray and Ruth (Isbell) Schermerhorn. In Columbia City on June 6, 1941, he married Hattie (Pierson) Schermerhorn. She survives.

Mr. Schermerhorn was a retired engineer for AT&T, a World War II U.S. Navy veteran, a 50-year member of Meridian Sun Lodge 79 F&AM, American Legion and V.F.W., and Howe United Methodist Church, Howe.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis R. and Maureen Schermerhorn, Indianhead Park, Ill., and Craig and Gerry Schermerhorn, Cantrall, Ill.; a sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Richard Prather, Howe, and Carl J. and Theresa Schermerhorn, Palm Coast, Fla.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A sister, Janice Olds, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, at a later date. Masonic services will be at 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Emma Souder

SYRACUSE — Emma M. Souder, 90, died at 11:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at Avalon Village Health Care, Ligonier.

On July 3, 1914, in Cromwell, she was born to Lt. Col. Milo and Mabelle (Beck) Snyder. She married William B. Souder, Sr. on Aug. 31, 1934, in Kokomo.

She had been a resident of Kosciusko County since 1976, and was a homemaker. She was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church, and enjoyed playing bridge and golf. She was also accomplished in painting and drawing.

Surviving are a son, William B. Souder, Jr., Syracuse; a daughter, Karen R. Heitzinger, Lithia, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Her parents, husband and two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at Cromwell United Methodist Church with the Rev. Alvin Covell officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Salvation Army or Noble County Humane Society.

Josephine Berghoff

AVILLA — Josephine Catherine Berghoff, 86, of Avilla and formerly of Fort Wayne died at 5:25 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, at her residence.

She had retired from General Electric as a wire operator.

On Sept. 17, 1918, in Fort Wayne she was born to Edward J. and Hilda M. (Rosswurm) Gfell. She married Gustave Henry Berghoff on Oct. 18, 1947 in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on May 5, 1989.

She was a member of Ege Catholic Church and the Homemakers Club. Mrs. Berghoff enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, sewing and embroidering.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gustave and Kathy Berghoff, Avilla; a sister-in-law, Betty Gfell, Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Justin, Kris, Robin and Hannah; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, her parents, three brothers, Richard, Howard and William, and a sister, Esther Louise Gosselen, preceded her in death.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Ege Catholic Church, Ege, with Fr. Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco with Rosary at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to Ege Catholic Church or Noble County 4-H Livestock projects.

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John Nilson

ANGOLA — John P. Nilson, 49, of Angola died Friday, Dec. 24, 2004, at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

On Dec. 27, 1954, in Angola, he was born to Clifton and Janice (Julian) Nilson. They survive. He married Dawn Martin on June 14, 1980. She survives.

He was a self-employed trim carpenter, coached Angola Kids League baseball, and the Buffalo Traveling Baseball team, and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and parents, are three sons, Nick, Dustin and Tyler Nilson, all of Angola; three sisters, Julie Slaughter, Springfield, Ohio, Janet Hobson, Anderson, and Jayne King, Lafayette; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola Middle School Athletic Department.

Joseph Michael

CHURUBSCO — Joseph B. Michael, 53, of Churubusco died unexpectedly at 11:32 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004, in the emergency room at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Michael was a 1969 graduate of Garrett High School and 1974 graduate of Indiana University.

Mr. Michael

He had worked for several years in the family business, F&G Food Distributors in New Haven. For the past five years he had worked as a financial adviser for American Express Financial Advisors in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Michael was a gifted musician and played several instruments. He had played with the Boys Next Door and Power Play Band. He also enjoyed sailing, reading and being with his family and friends.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Fort Wayne and the Anthony Wayne Rotary Club.

He was born Feb. 22, 1951, in Garrett to Jack I. and Pollyann (Baldwin) Michael. They survive in Fort Wayne. On March 1, 1980, in Fort Wayne, he married Donita Claxton. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Phillip and Mica Fensler of Fort Wayne and Dan Michael of Huntertown; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack "Randy" and Patty Michael of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Julie and Mike Harris of Fort Wayne; his in-laws, Donald and Delores Claxton of Tri-Lakes; and a granddaughter, Skylar Feaster.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Michael D. Harris of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Anthony Wayne Rotary Scholarship Fund.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Zana Goodhew

ANGOLA — Zana R. Goodhew, 96, of Angola, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Goodhew was a longtime resident of Angola. She was born May 27, 1908, in Fremont, to John and Emma (Moore) Sierer. She married Charles Russell Goodhew in 1924 in Union City, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 14, 1961.

She worked in dietary services at Angola Elementary School, Tri-State College, and for 19 years at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital. She was also a Grey Lady at Cameron for a number of years.

Surviving are two sons, Darrell Goodhew of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Gregg Goodhew of Rochester, N.Y.; two daughters, Marcella Mansfield of Indianapolis and Deanna Sue Henry of Rochester; a sister, Willadeane Berry of Coldwater, Mich.; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, John Goodhew; two daughters, Donnabelle and Gloria Goodhew; a brother Ora Sierer; and four sisters, Hattie Williams, Mary Ellen Elston, Clista Hecker and Pauline Sierer.

Graveside services are today at 11 a.m. at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. Randy VanDyne of the Ashley Church of God officiating.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society. Riley Children's Hosptial or the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Arrangements are being handled by H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Angola.

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Enos Kuhns

TOPEKA — Enos A. Kuhns, 63, of Topeka died at 10:33 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004, at the home of his daughter of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Kuhns was the owner and operator of Sunrise Metal Shop in Topeka.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born March 8, 1941, in Plymouth to Albert and Sarah (Mullet) Kuhns. On May 11, 1961, in Topeka, he married Katie Schlabach. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Martha Sue and Richard Lehman and Ruth Ann and Larry Weaver, all of LaGrange, and Mary Kathryn and Daniel Bontrager of Bourbon; three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Susie Kuhns and Marlin and Wanda Kuhns, all of LaGrange, and Jacob and Loretta Kuhns of Shipshewana; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Kuhns, Fannie Kuhns and Sylvia Kuhns, all of Nappanee, and Miriam and Ora Troyer of Alberta, Pa.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Noah and Rachelle Kuhns and Tobias and Susie Kuhns, all of Nappanee; and 42 grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family home at 3630 W. C.R. 350S, Topeka, with Bishop Ervin Bontrager Jr. and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Rosalie Wakeman

CHURUBUSCO — Rosalie "Rosie" Wakeman, 66, of Churubusco died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004, at her home. She had been in poor health for the past year, however her death was unexpected.

She had been a forklift operator at Kautex Textron in Avilla for 10 years, retiring from there in 2002.

Ms. Wakeman had spent her formative years in Huntertown and on the family farm near Ege and her adult life in Churubusco.

She was born March 28, 1938, in Wolf Lake to George and Alberta (Gongaware) Wakeman.

Surviving are a son, Robert S. Wakeman of Churubusco; a sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Harry Geiger of Churubusco; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Mary Ann Wakeman of LaOtto; two grandchildren, Austin T. Wakeman and Ashlee N. Wakeman, both of Churubusco; four nieces; and two nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Larry Smith of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information about surviving relatives.*

Mitchell Jarnagin

AUBURN — Mitchell Allen Jarnagin, 49, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Harriman, Tenn., Mr. Jarnagin worked at Simpsons for five years. He was an organ donor.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy, of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Chad Parker and Melissa and Larry Davis, all of Auburn; four grandchildren; three brothers, Harold and Timothy, both of Auburn, and Gary of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Brenice Steller of Fort Wayne and Julie Huffman of Auburn; and his father, Herbert Jarnagin of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Jarnagin, a brother, Terry Jarnagin, and a sister, Darlene Jarnagin.

Services will be tonight at 8 in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

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Lucy Lesser

AUBURN — Lucy M. Lesser, 84, of Auburn died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Lesser worked as a cafeteria manager with ARA for 15 years, retiring in 1978. She was a graduate of Memorial High School in West New York, N.J., and a member of Auburn Baptist Church.

She was born June 3, 1920, in Guttenberg, N.J. She was preceded in death by her parents, John G. Renn and Lucy E. Burnell.

Her husband, Russel E. Lesser, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Russell J. and Mary Lesser of Bryson City, N.C., and Warren and Mary Lesser of Louisville, Ky.; five grandchildren, Matthew Lesser of Auburn, Joshua Lesser of Naples, Fla., Greggory Lesser of Louisville, Ky., Zachary Lesser of Auburn and Georgia Lesser of Auburn; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be tonight from 6 to 8 and Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Auburn Baptist Church, 500 W. Ensley Ave., Auburn IN 46706.

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Hazel Byrd

CORUNNA — Hazel L. Byrd, 87, of Corunna died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004.

She was born Oct. 4, 1917, in Huntington to Ambrose and Lulu (Aumiller) Kissinger.

Mrs. Byrd was a homemaker and a member of Helmer United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline and Dan Zimmerman and a sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Keith Manges, all of Corunna; six grandchildren, Julie Zimmerman of Chatman, Ontario, Canada, Michelle and Jay Baumgartner of Corunna, Andrew Kissinger of Kendallville, Danny Kissinger of Clarksville, Tenn. and Jessica Gamble of Avilla; and two great-grandchilden, Lucas Daniel and Sarah Jacqueline Baumgartner of Corunna.

A son, Andrew Kissinger, preceded her in death in 1990.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Visitation will be today from noon until service time. Memorials are to the church. Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

Raymond Thomas

AUBURN — Raymond D. Thomas, 79, of Auburn, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Thomas worked at National Acme of Fort Wayne for 20 years, then owned and operated T&T Quality Painting.

He was born Nov. 5, 1925, in New Haven to Elwood and Golda (Peck) Thomas. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Millie Fugate on April 13, 1971, in West Virginia. She died April 20, 1998.

Surviving are three sons, Richard Thomas of Butler, Michael Thomas of Kendallville and Steven Thomas of Garrett; two daughters, Rebecca Maden of Nashville, Tenn., and Cindy Thomas of Tampa, Fla.; and one brother, Ronald Thomas of Gainesville, Fla.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Donna Thomas and Marjorie Shottu, and a brother, Eugene Thomas.

No services or calling will take place.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

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Irving Weigel

FORT WAYNE — Irving Weigel, 72, of Fort Wayne died unexpectedly Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004, while vacationing in Orlando, Fla.

Mr. Weigel had retired in 1992 after 27 years of service at Magnavox. He was presently employed at Zimco Manufacturing.

He was a member of the Quarter Century Club and the Forman Management Club.

Mr. Weigel was a 32nd Degree Mason with the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne and a member of the Sol D. Bayless Lodge 359 F&AM. He was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church and Sons of the American Legion at Post 499.

He loved to travel and spend time with his family and friends.

Mr. Weigel was born Sept. 30, 1932, in Fort Wayne to George and Juanita Weigel. He graduated from Central High School and Ivy Tech of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Dee; a daughter, Pam Berg of Huntertown; two sons, Dave Weigel of Ohio and Steve Weigel of Millersburg; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jennifer Berg.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 Dupont Road. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ronald McDonald House.

Leneth Prince

CHURUBUSCO — Leneth E. Prince, 58, of Churubusco died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Prince had worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne for more than 32 years, retiring in 1994.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and a lifetime area resident.

Mr. Prince was a life member of the Columbia City D.A.V., a life member of the Wolf Lake VFW post and a member of the Columbia City American Legion.

He was born Nov. 3, 1946, in Wolf Lake to Lorin E. and Mary (Parkison) Prince.

Surviving are two daughters, Julia M. Klausing and her husband, Matthew, of Fort Wayne and Catherine J. Prince-Swanson and her husband, Jamie, of Columbia City; a brother, Dennis Prince and his wife, Evelyn, of Wolf Lake; two sisters, Connie Jasper and her husband, Michael, of Churubusco and Tammy Crance and her husband, Scott, of Churubusco; and one grandson.

A memorial service will be Sunday at the VFW Post in Wolf Lake. The family will receive close friends at that time.

At the request of Mr. Prince there will be no calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Janice Fleisher

ST. JOSEPH, Mich. — Janice L. Fleisher, 67, of St. Joseph died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, at Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph.

Mrs. Fleisher

Mrs. Fleisher was a native of Kendallville, Ind. She had been a lab technician at Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor for eight years and most recently had served as librarian at Brown School in St. Joseph, retiring in 1997 after 17 years of service.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in St. Joseph where she volunteered in the library and was formerly a Sunday school teacher.

Mrs. Fleisher was an avid gardener and enjoyed quilting.

She was born May 12, 1937, in Kendallville to Forrest and Leoma (Stonebraker) France. On Jan. 5, 1963, in Kendallville she married Francis "Ted" Fleisher. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Jill Fleisher of Lapeer, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Brian Moore of St. Joseph; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jean and Dave Baker and Betty and Jerry Preston, all of Kendallville; and six grandchildren, Wyatt, Wesley, Shane and Caiden Fleisher and Tommy and Hannah Moore.

Services were today at the First United Methodist Church in St. Joseph, with the Rev. Wade Panse officiating. Burial was in Ruggles Cemetery in Baroda, Mich.

Memorials are to the Michigan Heart Association or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.starks-menschinger.com.

Kerley-Starks & Menchinger Family Funeral Home in St. Joseph was in charge of arrangements.

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Sherry Swihart

NORTH WEBSTER — Sherry Dawn (Marshall) Swihart, 68, of North Webster died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004, at 12:30 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Swihart was an electronics assistant at Magnavox in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of North Webster Methodist Church and the Order of Eastern Star 432 Fort Wayne Lodge, and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars ladies auxiliary, American Legion and the New Haven Eagles.

She was born Aug. 10, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Overton Quinn and Evelyn (Huigenard) Marshall. They preceded her in death.

She had lived in Fort Wayne and Oceanside, Calif., in Syracuse for 27 years and in North Webster for the past year.

Surviving are a daughter, Yvette Deal of North Manchester; two grandchildren, Shuré Nachelle Parrish of North Manchester and Asa Tavis-Quinn Deal of Huntington; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Terry and Sharon Marshall of Columbia City, Harry and Penny Marshall of Churubusco and James Murray of Hartsville; a niece, Shelby Murray of Hartsville; and close personal friends Kim Hill of Syracuse and Susie Shez of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Swihart.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, 7458 E. C.R. 1000N, Syracuse, with the Rev. Scott Mann officiating. Burial will be in McClintic Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 2211 North Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707.

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Emery McDaniel

AUBURN — Emery L. McDaniel, 94, of Auburn died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born Oct. 25, 1910, in Noble County, to Birt and Audra (Allomong) McDaniel.

Mr. McDaniel was a maintenance machinist at General Electric Co. He retired in 1975 after 34 years of service.

He was a member of the International Association of Machinists, the GE Quarter Century Club and the GE Volunteer Fire Department. He was a life member of the National Rifle Association

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, William McDaniel of Seattle, Wash., and Jon and Joyce McDaniel of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Anne and Richard James of Battle Creek, Mich., and Kathleen and Patrick Milewsky of Clearwater, Fla.; one granddaughter, Lori Bock, and her husband, Dusty, of Waterloo; four grandsons, James and Victor McDaniel, both of Garrett, and Jacob and Zackary Milewsky of Clearwater, Fla.; five great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Howard McDaniel of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rachael, two sisters, Isabell Romy and Cleta Grandstaff, and a brother, Dwight McDaniel.

A memorial gathering will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Ronald Shroyer

CHURUBUSCO — Churubusco businessman Ronald C. Shroyer, 68, died at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shroyer and his wife, Janet, own and operate Shroyer's Variety and Hardware in Churubusco.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Wayne E. Berkebile

ANGOLA — Wayne E. Berkebile, 78, of Angola died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Berkebile was born July 4, 1926, in Johnstown, Pa., to Dorsey and Jesse (Wilson) Berkebile. He married Lois June Clemons on June 1, 1944, in Johnstown, and she died in 2003.

He was employed as a pile driver for Thatcher Engineering. He retired in 1987. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Surviving are two daughters, Bonnie Schroeder of Angola and Barbara Travis of Scottsboro, Ala.; two sons, Ronald Berkebile of Monroe, N.C., and Donald Berkebile of Cherryville, N.C.; a brother, Merith Berkebile of Pennsylvania; a sister, Ila Hollowell of Portage; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lois Dale Allen.

Private family services will be held. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being handled by the Northeast Indiana Cremation Society in Fort Wayne.

Lucy Mullins

WOLF LAKE — Lucy Faye Mullins, 63, of Wolf Lake died at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Among her survivors is her husband, Vernon R. Mullins.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Alexis Rueda

HOWE — Alexis Rueda, 4 months, of Howe died at 10:24 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, 2004 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Alexis was born Aug. 10, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital to Catalino Rueda and Minerva Roblez.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Surviving with her parents are a brother, Catalino Rueda Jr. of Howe and a sister, Graciela Rueda of Howe.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Samatha Rueda in 1995.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Anna Sheefel

FORT WAYNE — Anna M. Sheefel, 100, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004, at Woodview Health Care Center.

She was a homemaker and a native of Allen County.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Jesse Henning of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Donald L. and Beverly Sheefel of Fort Wayne; a sister, Frieda Fry of Fort Wayne; daughter-in-law Frances Sheefel of Fort Wayne; grandsons Timothy Sheefel of Munster and Tony Sheefel of Fort Wayne; and a great-granddaughter, Mallory K. Sheefel of Fort Wayne.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Harry C. Sheefel, in 1959; and a son, Harry Sheefel Jr., in 2001.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday with calling two hours before the service at the D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Convoy, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Statewood Baptist Church.

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Harvey Lambright

LAGRANGE — Harvey J. Lambright, 83, of LaGrange died at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Lambright was a minister in the Old Order Amish Church and a farmer.

He was born May 20, 1921, in LaGrange County to John V. and Ada (Lehman) Lambright. On Oct. 31, 1946, in LaGrange County, he married Nettie Hostetler. She survives.

Also surviving are six daughters and sons-in-laws, Mary H. and Ora Schrock and Katie H. and Edwin Schrock, all of LaGrange, Elizabeth H. and Marvin Bontrager of Wolcottville, Ida Mae and DeWayne Miller of Ligonier, Wilma H. and Ezra Bontrager of Shipshewana and LeAnna H. and Kenny Otto of Middlebury; seven sons and daughters-in-law, Elva H. and Wilma Lambright of Topeka, Mahlon H. and Esther Lambright and Perry H. and Norma Lambright, all of Shipshewana, Mervin H. and Susie Lambright, Harvey Jr. and Carolyn Lambright and Harley H. and Marietta Lambright, all of LaGrange, and Christy H. and Carolyn Lambright of Middlebury; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Daniel and Wilma Lambright of Wolcottville, Menno and Fannie Lambright of Topeka and Mahlon and Alma Lambright of Sonora, Ky.; 87 grandchildren; and 82 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren; two brothers, Joseph and Ervin Lambright; and four sisters, Emma Lambright, Mary Lambright, Edna Mast and Amanda Lehman.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Harvey Lambright residence at 0530 N. U.S. 20, LaGrange with Bishop John Mishler and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be after noon today and all day Thursday at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Nina Rahman

ANGOLA — Nina M. Rahman, 47, of Angola died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Ms. Rahman was born Jan. 20, 1957, in Philadelphia, to Percy H. and Lily M. (Boseman) Arnette.

She was a dispatcher for the Steuben County Sheriff's Department for five years. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, and moved to Angola in 1976 from Silver Spring, Md.

Surviving are her mother, Lily M. Arnette of Gaithersburg, Md.; a sister and brother-in-law, Lisa and Dwight Phillips of Gaithersburg; a niece, Brittany C. Phillips of Gaithersburg; and a companion, Mark Hinkle of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Sgt. Dulles H. Arnette.

Services will be 3 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2 p.m. until services begin.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the family, care of Lisa Phillips.

Russel Johnson

HUNTINGTON — Russel Johnson, 74, of Huntington died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, at 12:01 a.m. in Marion General Hospital.

Mr. Johnson was a farmer in Huntington County. He also drove a truck for Citgo Gas Co. for many years and was a bus driver for Huntington County Community Schools. He was a member and served as a Eucharistic Minister at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Huntington. He was past assistant chief of the Bippus Fire Department and past president of the Bippus Lions Club.

He was born March 25, 1930, in Bippus to J. Edward and Stella (Meyer) Johnson. They preceded him in death.

On May 14, 1949, he married Helen Hinen and she survives in Huntington.

Also surviving are three sons, Keith Johnson of Fort Wayne and Rex Johnson and Terry Johnson, both of Huntington; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Cheryl and Ron Hochsteller of Huntington, Jeanine and Tom Yarde of Garrett, Mary Kay Johnson of Huntington, Bob and Joyce Johnson-Bozarth of Fort Wayne, and Amy and John Burton of Camby; a brother, Ralph Johnson of Huntington; 18 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 11 stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Billy Johnson.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry St., Huntington, with Father Ron Rieder officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Huntington.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. A rosary will be tonight at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to masses at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

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Lois Geyer

WABASH — Lois Ruth Geyer, 81, of Wabash died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at 6 p.m. at her home.

A former Auburn resident, she graduated from Auburn High School in 1941. For 76 years, she spent summers at her lake cottage on Crooked Lake, Angola.

Mrs. Geyer was a founding member and past president of Tri Kappa Sorority. She attended Wabash Friends Church. She was a member of the M.W. Harrison Class Study Group and the Cancer Survivors Group at Wabash Friends Church. She was a Girl Scout leader and was a yoga instructor at the Wabash Women's Club House. She was involved in the Wabash Civic Theater, was past president and wardrobe creator for the Wabash Valley Dance Theater and was an usher for the Ford Theater.

She attended Radio Dramatics College in Chicago in 1943. She lived in Oakland, Calif., from 1944-1946 with John and Mary Bullock and Jean Cole. She lived in South Whitley from 1952-1961 and moved to Wabash in 1961. She also had lived in Montpelier, Ohio, and Cincinnati, Ohio.

She was born Jan. 4, 1923, in Montpelier to Frank and Irene (Creager) Mains.

She married Joseph L. Geyer on Oct. 25, 1947, and he died Oct. 5, 1996.

She is survived by two daughters, Laurie Anne Allen and her husband, Daniel, of Wabash, and Mary Margaret Geyer and her companion Eugenia Fulkerson of Warsaw; two grandchildren, Amanda Renee Noland of Wabash and Daniel Joseph Allen of Wabash; and two great-granddaughters, Makayla Noland and Renee Noland, both of Wabash.

Memorial services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with David Phillips officiating.

Interment will be in the Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash, at a later date.

A memorial guest book for Mrs. Geyer may be signed online at grandstaff-hentgen.com

Memorials are to Wabash Friends Church.

Janet McNaughton

MIROMAR LAKES, Fla. — Janet Y. McNaughton, 70, of Miromar Lakes died Friday, Dec. 24, 2004. She had been battling cancer.

Mrs. McNaughton was born Sept. 1, 1934, in Auburn. She attended Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. She had lived the past 18 years in southwestern Florida and enjoyed spending time with her family, playing bridge and taking cruises. She was an award-winning artist known for her sculptures and "Sailor's Valentines."

She is survived by her husband, W. Bruce McNaughton; a daughter, Lisa; three sons, Jeffrey, Douglas and William; and three grandchildren, Crystal, Arielle and Hunter.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gregg.

Private services will be held.

Memorials are to a local hospice or the American Diabetes Association.

Lucy Mullins

WOLF LAKE — Lucy Faye Mullins, 63, of Wolf Lake died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Mrs. Mullins

Mrs. Mullins was a homemaker and had been employed for eight years at Tokheim Corp. in Albion.

She was a member of Big Lake Church of God in Columbia City.

She was born Sept. 6, 1941, in Floyd County, Ky., to Herbert and Martha (Sexton) Bentley. On April 2, 1961, she married Vernon R. Mullins. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sherry Mullins of Wolf Lake, and Susan and Kevin Moore and Shelly and Lloyd Geiger, all of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Russell Uptgraft of Churubusco; a brother, Stevie Bentley of Ligonier; five grandchildren, Dane and Heather Leitch of Wolf Lake, and Dylan Baxter, Nathan and Hannah Geiger, all of Albion; and two nieces and their husbands, Jamie and Brian Smith of Albion and Angie and Todd Weber of Merriam.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Big Lake Church of God with Pastor Tim Kumfer officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Women's Ministries of Big Lake Church of God, 6955 N. State Road 109, Columbia City, IN.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Ronald Shroyer

CHURUBUSCO — Churubusco businessman and resident Ronald C. Shroyer, 68, died at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient since Dec. 11.

Mr. Shroyer

Mr. Shroyer and his wife, Janet, owned and operated Shroyer's Variety and True Value Hardware in downtown Churubusco since 1982. He had been employed at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 22 years and also owned and operated Ron's Trucking in Fort Wayne.

He had lived in Fort Wayne until moving to Churubusco in 1983.

Mr. Shroyer was born March 22, 1936, in Huntington to Clarence and Anna (Heath) Shroyer. His mother, Anna Wrogeman, survives in Fort Wayne. On Nov. 3, 1956, in Fort Wayne, he married Janet Louise Gordy. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Lori Fulk and Kathy and Ted Hays, all of Churubusco; a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Michelle Shroyer of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Bob Henderson of Columbia, S.C.; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus, officiating. Burial will be in Bower Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Jane Cope

FREMONT — Jane A. Cope, 70, of Fremont died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Cope was born Feb. 1, 1934, in Camden, Mich., to Ernest and Hazel (Shaeffer) Mason. She was married to Ronald E. "Jack" Cope, and he preceded her in death on July 4, 1989.

She was a bookkeeper for the family business, the former Jack's Union 76 gas station in Fremont. She collected coins.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Carol and Lloyd Fee of Hamilton and Kelli Pagley of Fremont; three sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Rebecca Cope of Fremont, Larry and Cheri Cope of Angola and Andy and Joy Cope of Allen, Mich.; a brother, Robert Mason of Camden; a sister, Donna Newbauer of Montgomery, Mich.; 22 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Steven P. Cope, and a sister, Arletta Knapp.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Dorothy Lombardi

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy Louise (Cambray) Lombardi, 91, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and mother.

She was a charter member of Bishop Dwenger Mother's Club, assistant librarian at Bishop Dwenger High School, assistant librarian of the Fort Wayne Public Children's Library, librarian for the office of religious education for the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese, housekeeper at St. Louis Catholic Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Her proudest moment was the ordination of her son, Father Thomas Lombardi, pastor of the St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett, who survives.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Anthony "Tony" C. Lombardi; and a brother, Fred Cambray.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, 300 W. Houston St., Garrett, with calling from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the St. Joseph Catholic Church or to Masses.

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Floyd Travis

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Floyd Travis, 79, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2004.

Mr. Travis was a native of Garrett and had lived in North Miami Beach for the past 19 years. He served with the U.S. Army in the Pacific during World War II and was retired from International Harvester in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his companion, Blanche Moore; daughters Cheryl A. Travis, Joyce L. Hogue and Annette (Will) Dowdell Arrington; a stepdaughter, Adrian (Moore) Thomas; sisters Florence Gamble of Dallas, Texas, Mary L. (Toma) Davis and Evelyn Booker of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was at 11 a.m. today at Cathedral of Praise Ministries International, 115 E. Foster Parkway, Fort Wayne.

David Brannan

FREMONT — David Martin "Marty" Brannan, 62, of Fremont died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brannan was born Jan. 1, 1942, in Bryan, Ohio, to Bartshe and Helyn (Bermingham) Brannan. He formerly worked at Pokagon State Park and Maxton Motors in Butler.

Surviving are his former wife, Barb Carey of Fremont; a stepson, Keith Roebel; two stepdaughters, Rhonda and Karla Roebel; a sister, Margo Urgitus of Prescott, Ariz.; and six nephews.

Graveside services will be 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Flint Cemetery, Steuben County, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Josephine Berghoff

AVILLA — Josephine Catherine Berghoff, 86, of Avilla and formerly of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, at her residence.

She had retired from General Electric as a wire operator.

On Sept. 17, 1918, in Fort Wayne she was born to Edward J. and Hilda M. (Rosswurm) Gfell. She married Gustave Henry Berghoff on Oct. 18, 1947, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on May 5, 1989.

She was a member of Ege Catholic Church and the Homemakers Club. Mrs. Berghoff enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, sewing and embroidering.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gustave and Kathy Berghoff, Avilla; a sister-in-law, Betty Gfell, Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Justin, Kris, Robin and Hannah; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, her parents, three brothers, Richard, Howard and William, and a sister, Esther Louise Gosselen, preceded her in death.

Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, December 29, 2004, at Ege Catholic Church, Ege, with Fr. Danney Pinto officiating. Burial was in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Ege Catholic Church or Noble County 4-H Livestock projects.

Marcelle Mary Winebrenner

Marcelle Mary Winebrenner, 91, of Albion, died at 4:28 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at Parkview Noble Community Hospital in Kendallville.

Born on Sept. 24, 1913, in Noble County, she was the daughter of LeRoy Newton and Flora Anna (Holzworth) McLallin. She was a graduate of Albion High School and International Business College.

She married Walter Winebrenner on April 22, 1933. He died Sept. 9, 1998.

A lifelong Noble County resident, she lived most of her life in Albion/York Township and moved to Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in 1995.

A member of Trinity United Methodist Church, she was a girls 4-H leader.

Survivors include three children, John (Jeanette) Winebrenner of Fort Wayne; Duane (Melody) Winebrenner of Albion, and Bonnie (Leroy) Gorsuch of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Anne Winebrenner of Albion; nine grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three children, Ronnie Winebrenner, Peggy Winebrenner and Sue Gilbert; and three sisters and a brother, Clara, Ruby, Maude and Max.

The funeral service was at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 24, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial was at Wright Cemetery, rural Albion, York Township.

Preferred memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Leneth Prince

CHURUBUSCO — Leneth E. Prince, age 58, a resident of rural Churubusco, died Saturday, December 25, 2004, at his residence following an extended illness.

He had worked for General Electric Company in Fort Wayne for 32 1/2 years, retiring in 1994 and was an Army veteran serving in Viet Nam. He was a life member of the Columbia City D.A.V., a life member of the Wolf Lake V.F.W. and a member of the Columbia City American Legion.

Mr. Prince was born on November 3, 1946, in Wolf Lake, the son of Lorin E. and Mary (Parkison) Prince. He lived most of his life in this area.

Survivors include two daughter, Julia M. (Matthew) Klausing of Fort Wayne, and Catherine J. (Jamie) Prince-Swanson of columbia City; one brother, Dennis (Evelyn) Prince of Wolf Lake; two sisters, Connie (Michael) Jasper and Tammy (Scott) Crance, both of Churubusco; and one grandson.

At the request of Mr. Prince, there will be no calling hours. There will be a memorial service at the V.F.W. Post in Wolf Lake on Sunday, January 2, 2005. The family will receive close friends at that time.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at: sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

Daniel Cartwright

ALBION — Daniel S. Cartwright, age 36, of Albion, died Tuesday, December 28, 2004, in his residence.

He was born on June 29, 1968, in Columbia City, to Richard L. and Barbara Kay (Smith) Cartwright.

He had farmed his whole life in Green Center.

Arrangements are pending at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco.

Lucy Mullins

WOLF LAKE — Lucy Faye Mullins, 63, of Wolf Lake died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Among her survivors is her husband, Vernon R. Mullins.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

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Erma Kettleborough Nitz

Erma Kettleborough Nitz, 96, a resident of rural Fort Wayne, and widow of Harry J. Nitz, died at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne after a brief illness.

Born in Albion on June 30, 1908, a daughter of William and Grace (Bidwell) Kettleborough. Her formative years were spent in Albion and, she graduated from Albion High School in 1926.

On February 20, 1937, she was married to Harry J. Nitz in Fort Wayne. The couple had lived all their married lives in Allen County and had resided in Lake Township since 1941. Mr. Nitz died on Aug. 11, 1990.

A member of St. John's Lutheran Church - Lake Township, she was a former employee of Long Distance Tire Company in Fort Wayne. She had also worked as a secretary at Allied Mills in Fort Wayne for 12 years.

Survivors include two children, James H (Dorothy) Nitz of rural Fort Wayne, and Grace Favory of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Louise Beckley of Albion, and Josephine (Vernon) Jahn of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Garnold Kettleborough; and four sisters, Gladys Colchin, Fern Waldron, Thelma Kettleborough and Thyra Erickson.

The funeral services were at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 24, at St. John's Lutheran Church - Lake Township, with Pastor Ralph Easterhaus officiating. Entombment was in the mausoleum at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne. Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Hospice Home, Parkview Home Health & Hospice, or St. John's Lutheran Church - Lake Township.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Daniel Cartwright

ALBION — Daniel Smith Cartwright, 36, of Albion died at 10:40 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Cartwright

Mr. Cartwright was a farmer and had been a lifetime resident of the Green Center area.

He was a member of Sugar Grove Church of God. He collected miniature farm tractors and agriculture-related hats.

Mr. Cartwright has participated for several years in combine demolition derbies. In high school he was a member of the wrestling team and the Future Farmers of America.

He was born June 29, 1968, in Columbia City to Richard L. and Barbara K. (Smith) Cartwright. They survive in Albion.

Also surviving are a sister, Carmen Cartwright of Jefferson City, Tenn.; a brother and sister-in-law, Andrew and Laura Cartwright of Fort Wayne; a niece, Alyssa Cartwright of Fort Wayne; and his grandmothers, Irene Smith of Columbia City and Donna Cartwright of LaOtto.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Sugar Grove Church of God with Pastor Tim Grable officiating.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at Orr Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the family to offset Mr. Cartwright's medical expenses.

Velma Reardon

MIDDLEBURY — Velma M. Reardon, 62, of Middlebury died at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Reardon was a homemaker and care giver for her family.

She was a member of VFW Auxiliary of Post 4578 in Guthrie, Okla. She enjoyed making craft items and playing with her grandchildren.

She was born March 9, 1942, in Fairfield, Calif., to Clyde E. and Velma "Luella" (Goble) Thomas.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ranae and Jack Thrasher of Middlebury; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Rodney Thomas Reardon and Thomas "Tommy" and Paula Reardon, all of Kokomo, Tim and Jackie Reardon of Edwardsburg, Mich., and Terry "Runt-Bear" and Amber Reardon of Elkhart; a sister, Margie Thomas of Guthrie; a brother, Clyde Olin Thomas of Walton; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

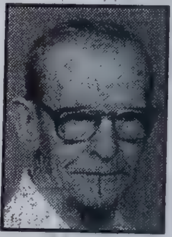
Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Bristol.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or a cancer society of the donor's choice.

Edward Meyer

AVILLA — Edward William Meyer, 83, of Avilla died at 8:40 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home where he had been a resident since 1999.


Mr. Meyer

Mr. Meyer was a lifetime resident of Avilla. He had retired in the early 1980s from ITT. He had also worked for several years at Tokheim and Bowser in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Mr. Meyer enjoyed riding his bicycle and helping others while he lived at Laverna Terrace and at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

He was born April 21, 1921, in Avilla to William G. and Gertrude A. (Snider) Meyer. They are deceased.

Surviving are three sisters, Agnes Tilbury of Fort Wayne and Sister Marie Meyer and Burnadette Teders, both of Avilla; and a brother and sister-in-law, Francis "Fyi" and Theresa Meyer of Avilla.

Also preceding him in death were three brothers, Robert, Herman and Bernard Meyer, and three sisters, Mildred Fischer, Wilma Schmenk and Evelyn Freeman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mary's School, Masses and Provena Sacred Heart Home.

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Betty Petre

ANGOLA — Betty Lou Petre, 76, of Angola died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Petre was born April 1, 1928, in Angola to Milton E. and Pauline S.P. (Keller) Sellinger. She was married to Basil Petre on Sept. 2, 1944, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 27, 1979.

She had worked as a bookkeeper and a floral designer. She had also been a cook at Bassett's Restaurant, the 76 truck stop, Mayfair Restaurant and Hoosier Hills restaurant.

She was a former member of the Angola Women of the Moose, the 4-Winds Home Economics Club and was a former member and vice president of the Eagles.

Surviving are two daughters, Judith Lawrence and Ruth Ellen Collins, both of Angola; two sisters, Sharon Skyzinicki of Pittsford, Mich., and Rose Marie Beckwith of Montpelier, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Joyce Worthington of Angola; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; and nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Milton Fredrick Petre; a grandson, Kenneth Lawrence; a great-grandson, Johnny Wortham; and a brother, Robert E. Worthington.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Brian Carsten and the Rev. Ken Butz officiating. Calling will be Monday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Richard Thomas

AUBURN — Richard C. Thomas, 70, of Auburn died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, at his home.

He was the owner of Thomas Machine, retiring in 1996.

Mr. Thomas was a U.S. Air Force veteran, a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 97, and a life member of the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States.

He was born in Auburn to Arnold and Dorothy (Moore) Thomas. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are one sister, Beverly Feller of Charleston, S.C.; one brother, Jack L. Thomas of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Missy and Todd Walters of Grabill, Michelle and Tony Sziber of Louisiana and Mary Gardner of Fort Worth, Texas; and two grandchildren, Cory Walters and Chase Walters of Grabill.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 97 or the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States, both in Auburn.

Vera Wallace

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Vera E. (Clark) Wallace, 89, of Grand Rapids died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, at Fulton Manor Nursing Home following an extended illness.

She had lived most of her life in the Grand Rapids area.

Mrs. Wallace was a homemaker. She attended Chesterfield Freewill Baptist Church.

She was born July 1, 1915, in Anderson, Ind., to Calvin R. and Olive A. (Dollar) Clark. They are deceased. On May 18, 1934, she married Virgil L. Wallace. He died Aug. 6, 1992.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Alice Wallace of Wolcottville, Ind.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and Larry Parker of Owensboro, Ky., and Sally and Frank Welz of Palatine, Ill.; four sisters, Ruby Maupin, Mabel "Jake" Brown, Alice Cox and Ellen Spillman, all of Anderson; a brother, Ray Clark of Anderson; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Clark; and a sister, Mary Clark.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, South Chapel, 200 W. 53rd St., Anderson, with Pastor Ron Branham officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery in Anderson.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Holland Home Hospice of Grand Rapids, Mich., 2100 Raybrook Ave. SE, Suite 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

Condolences may be sent online to www.loosefuneralhomes.com.

Jo Ann Bechtel

NOBLESVILLE — Jo Ann Elliott Bechtel, 60, of Noblesville died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004.

Mrs. Bechtel spent her formative years in Auburn and was a graduate of Butler University in Indianapolis. She was a nursing home administrator, most recently working for Dichey's Nursing Home in Elwood. She loved gymnastics and encouraged people to strive for independence.

She was born Feb. 24, 1944, in Lafayette to James Wilson and Mary Ann Nisley Elliott. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her sister and brother-in-law, John and Ginny Wisel; a nephew and his wife, Christopher and Jenn Wisel; a great-nephew, Ryan C.A. Wisel; a great-niece, Sadie Bishop; and a cousin, Dianne Nisley Forville.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Jan. 8, at 10:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1207 Conner St., Noblesville.

Memorials are to First Presbyterian Church, Noblesville, or Southern Care Hospice, 2346 South Lynhurst Drive, Suite 201-D, Indianapolis, IN 46241.

Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center-Carmel is handling arrangements.

Alene Gilbert

LIGONIER — Alene Gilbert, 68, Ligonier, died at 3:40 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

On March 2, 1936, in Clear Creek, Ky., she was born to Chester and Malverie (Napier) Mullins. She married Shelby Gilbert in 1952 in Kentucky.

She had been a Ligonier resident for over 40 years, and worked in quality control at Nishikawa Standard in Topeka.

Mrs. Gilbert was a member of the Harbor of Love Baptist Church in Lisbon, and enjoyed shopping, traveling and collecting books. She was a nature lover, especially her cat and wild animals.

Surviving are a son and his companion, Lewis R. Gilbert and Susan Shearer, Lafayette; a son and daughter-in-law, Gary L. and Sandra Gilbert, Indianapolis; a daughter, Lisa Cochran, Ligonier; two brothers and sisters-in-law Arthur and Louise Mullins, Wolcottville, and Lewis "Duke" and Lorena Mullins, Stroh; eight grandchildren, Geoff, Graig, Adam, Candace, Crystal and Erin Gilbert, Ethan Cochran and Amanda Saggers; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Her parents, husband, two brothers and a son-in-law, Stephen Cochran, preceded her in death.

Services were Tuesday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, U.S. 6 and S.R. 9, Rome City, with the Rev. Charlie Mosley officiating. Burial was Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Ronald McDonald House.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Emma Souder

SYRACUSE — Emma M. Souder, 90, died at 11:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at Avalon Village Health Care, Ligonier.

On July 3, 1914, in Cromwell, she was born to Lt. Col. Milo and Mabelle (Beck) Snyder. She married William B. Souder, Sr. on Aug. 31, 1934, in Kokomo.

She had been a resident of Kosciusko County since 1976, and was a homemaker. She was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church, and enjoyed playing bridge and golf. She was also accomplished in painting and drawing.

Surviving are a son, William B. Souder Jr., Syracuse; a daughter, Karen R. Heitzinger, Lithia, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Her parents, husband and two brothers preceded her in death.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Cromwell United Methodist Church with the Rev. Alvin Covell officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Salvation Army or Noble County Humane Society.

Lucy Mullins

WOLF LAKE — Lucy Faye Mullins, 63, of Wolf Lake died Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Mrs. Mullins

Mrs. Mullins was a homemaker and had been employed for eight years at Tokheim Corp. in Albion.

She was a member of Big Lake Church of God in Columbia City.

She was born Sept. 6, 1941, in Floyd County, Ky., to Herbert and Martha (Sexton) Bentley. On April 2, 1961, she married Vernon R. Mullins. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sherry Mullins of Wolf Lake, and Susan and Kevin Moore and Shelly and Lloyd Geiger, all of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Russell Uptgraft of Churubusco; a brother, Stevie Bentley of Ligonier; five grandchildren, Dane and Heather Leitch of Wolf Lake, and Dylan Baxter, Nathan and Hannah Geiger, all of Albion; and two nieces and their husbands, Jamie and Brian Smith of Albion and Angie and Todd Weber of Merriam.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Big Lake Church of God with Pastor Tim Kumfer officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling was from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services today at the church.

Memorials are to Women's Ministries of Big Lake Church of God, 6955 N. State Road 109, Columbia City, IN.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Lena Beechy

MILLERSBURG — Lena Fern Beechy, 42, of Millersburg died at 9:40 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart, after undergoing heart surgery and four days later suffering a heart attack.

She had lived in the Millersburg area all her life.

On Aug. 7, 1962, in Topeka, she was born to Amos Jay and Ida Anna (Hochstetler) Miller. They survive in Topeka. On May 3, 1984, in Topeka, she married Daniel Jay Beechy. He survives.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving in addition to her husband and parents are four daughters, Mary Anna Mast and her husband, Floyd, of LaGrange, Marilyn Beechy and her special friend Gerald Yoder of Millersburg, and Katie Irene Beechy and Wilma Jean Beechy, both at home; two sons, LaVern Ray Beechy and Dannie Lee Beechy, both at home; six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Ruth Ann Miller of Sarasota, Fla., Wanda Sue and Marlin Kuhns, and Mary and Joe Devon Yoder, all of LaGrange, Katie Irene and Vernon Nisley, and Sarah Mae and Jerry Yoder, all of Ligonier, and Esther and Daniel Beechy Jr. of Topeka; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Perry Jay and Marlene Miller, and Marlin and Carolyn Miller, all of Millersburg, Vernon Ray and Lorene Miller of Ligonier, and Daniel Wayne and Emma Miller, and Marion and Waneta Miller, all of Topeka; grandparents Dan and Katie Hochstetler of Topeka; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A stillborn daughter, Ruth Beechy, preceded her in death.

Services were at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the family residence with Bishop Freeman Eash and home ministers officiating. Burial was in Honeywell Cemetery, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Harvey Lambright

LAGRANGE — Harvey J. Lambright, 83, of LaGrange died at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Lambright was a minister in the Old Order Amish Church and a farmer.

He was born May 20, 1921, in LaGrange County to John V. and Ada (Lehman) Lambright. On Oct. 31, 1946, in LaGrange County, he married Nettie Hostetler. She survives.

Also surviving are six daughters and sons-in-laws, Mary H. and Ora Schrock and Katie H. and Edwin Schrock, all of LaGrange, Elizabeth H. and Marvin Bontrager of Wolcottville, Ida Mae and DeWayne Miller of Ligonier, Wilma H. and Ezra Bontrager of Shipshewana and LeAnna H. and Kenny Otto of Middlebury; seven sons and daughters-in-law, Elva H. and Wilma Lambright of Topeka, Mahlon H. and Esther Lambright and Perry H. and Norma Lambright, all of Shipshewana, Mervin H. and Susie Lambright, Harvey Jr. and Carolyn Lambright and Harley H. and Marietta Lambright, all of LaGrange, and Christy H. and Carolyn Lambright of Middlebury; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Daniel and Wilma Lambright of Wolcottville, Menno and Fannie Lambright of Topeka and Mahlon and Alma Lambright of Sonora, Ky.; 87 grandchildren; and 82 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren; two brothers, Joseph and Ervin Lambright; and four sisters, Emma Lambright, Mary Lambright, Edna Mast and Amanda Lehman.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Harvey Lambright residence at 0530 N. U.S. 20, LaGrange with Bishop John Mishler and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be all day today at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Carol Maxted

ASHLEY — Carol Kay Maxted, 48, of Ashley died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004, at the home of her daughter in Alma, Mich.

Mr. Maxted

Mrs. Maxted was a homemaker. She was a former resident of Gratiot County, Mich., and moved to Indiana five years ago.

She was a member of the Ashley Church of God and was active in the church choir. She enjoyed embroidery and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She also enjoyed watching movies, especially her Shirley Temple collection.

She was born June 13, 1956, in Alma, Mich., to Henry J. and Estella Dee (Woodcock) Dringenberg.

She attended Breckenridge Public Schools and graduated from Alma Adult Education.

She married Donald Maxted on Jan. 11, 1996, in Traverse City, Mich., and he survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are children Pepper McConnell and spouse Chris of Alma, Mich., and Donald Dale Brooks of Logansport; three grandchildren, Sarah Katie, Eric and Amber; her father and stepmother, Henry and Ruth Dringenberg of St. Louis, Mich.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sheryl and Gary Rehm of Ashley and LeAnn Jane of Logansport; a brother and sister-in-law, Darrell and Jerri Dringenberg of Edmore, Mich., and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Estella Dee Howd and her stepfather, Dale Howd.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Ashley Church of God, 101 N. Gonser Ave., when the worship service will be devoted to Mrs. Maxted.

Memorial contributions are to the family.

Ivan Brown

BUTLER — Ivan J. Brown, 84, of Butler died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

He owned and operated Brown Furniture and Hardware store in St. Joe for 25 years before he retired in 1986. He was a Newville Township farmer for 16 years. He worked on a section gang on Wabash and New York Central railroads for seven years.

He was a member of Newville United Methodist Church.

He was born April 19, 1920, in DeKalb County to John B. and Cora (Gramling) Brown.

On Dec. 1, 1941, he married Betty M. Nichols. She died Nov. 28, 2002.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steven W. and Karen Brown of Waterloo, Nick L. and Carol Brown of West Lafayette and Bradley K. Brown of Woodburn; one daughter, Cathy Bowen of Butler; one sister, Mazie Thompson of Auburn; and 18 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and one brother, Cecil Brown.

Private family services will be Sunday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Newville United Methodist Church.

Janice Fleisher

ST. JOSEPH, Mich. — Janice Fleisher, 67, of St. Joseph died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, at Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph.

She was employed for eight years as a lab technician at Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor. Most recently she was the librarian at Brown School in St. Joseph. She retired from the school after 17 years of employment. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in St. Joseph where she volunteered in the library and taught Sunday school. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed quilting.

She was born May 12, 1937, in Kendallville to Forrest and Leoma (Stonebraker) France. On Jan. 5, 1963, she married Francis "Ted" Fleisher in Kendallville.

Surviving are her husband; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Jill Fleisher of Lapeer; a daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Brian Moore of St. Joseph; six grandchildren, Wyatt Fleisher, Wesley Fleisher, Shane Fleisher, Caiden Fleisher, Tommy Moore and Hannah Moore; and two sisters and their husbands, Jean and Dave Baker and Betty and Jerry Preston, all of Kendallville.

Services were held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in St. Joseph, Mich. Burial followed in Ruggles Cemetery in Baroda, Mich.

Memorials are to the Michigan Heart Association or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Those wishing to share a memory or sign a guest book may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include information that was inadvertently omitted.*

Edward Meyer

AVILLA — Edward William Meyer, 83, of Avilla died at 8:40 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home where he had been a resident since 1999.

Mr. Meyer

Mr. Meyer was a lifetime resident of Avilla. He had retired in the early 1980s from ITT. He had also worked for several years at Tokheim and Bowser in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Mr. Meyer enjoyed riding his bicycle and helping others while he lived at Laverna Terrace and at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

He was born April 21, 1921, in Avilla to William G. and Gertrude A. (Snider) Meyer. They are deceased.

Surviving are three sisters, Agnes Tilbury of Fort Wayne and Sister Marie Meyer and Burnadette Teders, both of Avilla; and a brother and sister-in-law, Francis "Fyi" and Theresa Meyer of Avilla.

Also preceding him in death were three brothers, Robert, Herman and Bernard Meyer, and three sisters, Mildred Fischer, Wilma Schmenk and Evelyn Freeman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church. A Rosary will be recited at the funeral home today at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Mary's School, Masses and Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Services Held

ROME CITY — Services for **Mary A. Jordan** were at 10 a.m. Dec. 24 at St. Gaspar Catholic Church with Father Matthew Jozefiak officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Pallbearers were Kristie Beers, David Jordan, Josh Jordan, Christopher Jordan, Tim Jordan and Michael Garrison. Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, handled arrangements.

Sarah Miles

LAGRANGE — Sarah Ella Miles, 88, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, in St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A secretary for the materials manager at General Electric in Fort Wayne, she retired in 1978. That same year, she moved from Fort Wayne to LaGrange.

She was a reading buddy at Wolcott Mills Elementary School in Wolcottville and the 1990 Volunteer of the Year for the Northeastern Center and a volunteer for the LaGrange Community Hospital.

She was born Oct. 11, 1916, in Fort Wayne to Sherman T. and Florence (Deaver) Cox. On March 31, 1951, she married Stephen Miles in Fort Wayne. He died Jan. 20, 1986.

Surviving are three daughters, Sarah L. Miles of LaGrange, Nancy R. O'Brien of Fort Wayne, Betsy A. Myers of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by eight sisters and five brothers.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dr. C. James Cress officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with graveside services at noon Monday.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indiana State Library, c/o Indiana Talking Books and Braille Service.

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James Watson

AUBURN — Dr. James R. Watson, 77, of Auburn died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at his home.

Dr. Watson served as superintendent of the DeKalb Central school district from 1965 until his retirement in 1990. At the time of his retirement, he had helped build or remodel every school building in use in the district. East Auburn School was renamed J.R. Watson Elementary School in his honor.

Dr. Watson

He served as Seaman 1st Class in the Navy from 1945 to 1946. A 1944 graduate of Wabash High School, he earned his doctorate in education from Indiana University at Bloomington in 1964. He was a sixth-grade teacher for one year in LaFountaine from 1949-1950, and an elementary school teacher, principal and supervisor for Wabash City Schools from 1950-1960. He was superintendent of schools in Lake Zurich, Ill., from 1960-1965 and was the youngest superintendent of schools in Illinois in 1960.

He was the youngest Master of Masonic Lodge in Indiana and Commander of Commandry in Wabash. He served as the assistant to former Auburn Mayor Norm Rohm and served on the DeKalb County Board of Health for 25 years. He was a trustee of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

He was born Jan. 8, 1927, in Wabash to Gordon and Golden (Moody) Watson. They preceded him in death.

He married Carolyn Irelan on July 1, 1950, in Wabash and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christine Feichter of Antwerp, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Laura Watson of Noblesville; seven granddaughters; and a brother and sister-in-law, David M. and Ellie Watson of Manhattan, Mont.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Auburn Church of the Nazarene, 2301 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be Monday at 3 p.m. in Falls Cemetery at Wabash.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Central School Alumni Foundation, 3424 C.R. 427, Waterloo, IN 46793.

Finley Custer

GARRETT — Finley J. Custer, 85, of Garrett died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at 8:55 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Custer

Mr. Custer was a lifetime Garrett resident and graduated from Garrett High School in 1937. An avid farmer, he helped build the Custer Grain Elevator in 1967. He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and a fertilizer salesman. He retired from farming in 1995.

He was born April 18, 1919, in Garrett to Alexander J. and Sadie E. (Grube) Custer.

He married Betty M. Baird on Oct. 19, 1957, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Richard Bond of Garrett; a son, Jerald H. Gnagy Jr. of Hamilton; a grandson and his wife, Ty and Robin Maggert of Garrett; a granddaughter, Tara Maggert of Indianapolis; a stepgranddaughter, Jodi Bond; a great-granddaughter, Macy Lauren Maggert of Garrett; four brothers, Dale Custer of Venice, Fla., and Wayne Custer, Harold Custer and Gene Custer, all of Garrett; and one sister, Ruth Ross of Timmonuim, Md.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Alexander Heath Gnagy.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with a Moose service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Garrett post of the American Legion, Provena Sacred Heart Activities Fund or Living Waters Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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